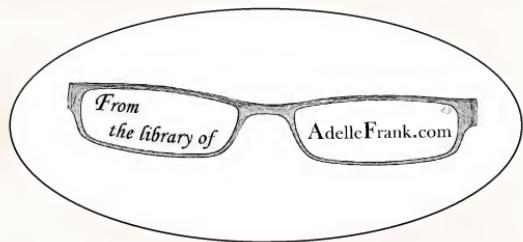
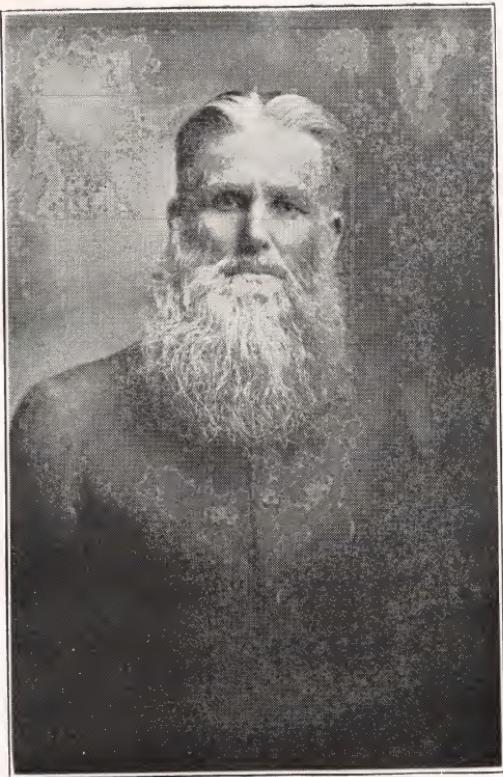


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Preface

The preparation of this volume is made possible only by the steps taken by the Brethren in former years and by the help of those who have so kindly assisted in gathering data for the same.

In the year 1899, at District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa, Bro. Willis Rodabaugh was chosen to collect and preserve all such history as was available. Also the District Meeting of 1905 chose Brethren H. C. N. Coffman, W. N. Glotfelty and E. G. Rodabaugh as a committee to collect and care for all available minutes of our District Meetings. Later E. G. Rodabaugh moved out of the District, and in 1908 the writer was chosen to fill the vacancy.

After the death of Bro. Willis Rodabaugh the writer was selected in 1918 to fill the vacancy, when he truly wished the task of completing this important work had fallen into hands more able than he for the work. But through the kindness of Sister Rodabaugh I soon received all the history which Bro. Rodabaugh had collected, and at once proceeded to secure such other history as was yet available.

When we remember that some of the churches did not keep a record of their proceedings in the early years of their existence, and portions of this history could be procured only from the memory of some of our members, we ask the kind reader to remember also that it is the best we could do under existing circumstances. Some to whom we wrote a number of letters, asking for information, kindly complied, while from others we got no reply whatever.

We hereby wish to thank all who have so kindly assisted in this work. We hope it may cause us to remember the labors of our early pioneers, and assist in keeping us more closely united in the way of Jesus.

A. H. Brower.

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CHAPTER I

The Libertyville Church

The house was located in section 2, Des Moines Township, Jefferson County, Iowa.

In 1838 we find that there were at least two families of members within the bounds of the State of Iowa. They were David Peebler and John Garber. They, with at least two other families, located near Libertyville, Jefferson County, before 1844. In common with many of the brethren, these pioneers considered their church relations



Libertyville Church

and growth of prime importance, and in harmony with this sentiment a few members met in 1844 and organized the first Church of the Brethren in Iowa, it being the second one west of the Mississippi River. The number

at this organization was eight, and this tallies exactly with the original organization over 200 years ago in Germany.

It was organized by Eld. Geo. Wolf, of Illinois, and consisted of the following members: Michael Peebler, Sr., and wife, Esther; Michael Peebler, Jr., and wife, Fanny; David Peebler and wife and John Garber and wife, Sarah. Bro. Garber, being a minister, was placed in charge of the work, and was soon afterward ordained to the eldership, being the first elder ordained in Iowa. He had charge of the church until his death, in 1853. We cannot help but believe that there were others ready to hand in their letters of membership, or were very soon baptized, among whom were other families of Peeblers, Albaughs, etc. It is said that Daniel Rodabaugh, Sr., and wife were baptized either at the time of organization or at the first love feast. In 1847 a minister, Peter Lutz, and three families of Browns increased their number as well as the influence of the church.

Among the early settlers of members might be mentioned Michael Glotfelty, Jesse West, and other families of Rodabaughs. These formed the foundation of the church at that time, and many of their descendants are at present among the active, earnest workers in the church in different parts of the Brotherhood.

The church prospered under the care of Bro. Garber, who was a good leader on account of his quiet and consistent life, although he was not as efficient in the pulpit as some. The meetings were held in private houses, school-houses, or barns, until the members felt strong enough numerically and financially to build a house of worship, which was accomplished in 1858. This is a rival of one in Dry Creek congregation, Linn County, for the first Brethren's house of worship built in Iowa.

After the death of Bro. Garber the active care of the

church fell upon Bro. Peter Lutz, who was an able preacher but not so efficient in leadership. We were unable to tell who had charge of the church as elder after the death of Bro. Garber, but Bro. Lutz was the principal minister, until the time of his death, except for perhaps two or three years in the early sixties, when he quit church work entirely. He was more aggressive and progressive than most of the members, and he is known to have held at least one series of meetings when thirteen applicants were baptized. This did not meet the approval of some of the members.

At this time, because many of the members were dilatory in their church work, their children were not generally saved to the church, and those that did join did so late in life. In the latter part of this period some members of the District desired that it make a concerted effort over the District for the preaching of the Gospel. The Libertyville church put herself on record as favoring confining her efforts to home mission work. Of course the home mission efforts would be confined to what the preachers could do, as it would not do to help the ministers.

During this time a number of ministers were elected, as follows: Joseph Holsinger, D. H. Garber, moved away before 1880; Enoch Prather, elected in 1858, soon moved west; in 1870, A. B. Wallick; 1851 to 1865, M. Glotfelty was chosen, but did no preaching; Jackson Harmon, elected after 1866, died about 1912, isolated from the church and did not do much church work; J. H. Eshelman, chosen 1873; J. H. Filmore was here sometime in the sixties and then from 1881 to 1889; Benjamin Byerly, a minister for a few years, died in 1867; Daniel Holder and Jas. Glotfelty, called to the ministry about 1883; the latter ordained in 1896, the former, 1905.

The old churchhouse, built in 1858, not being very sub-

stantial, it was decided to build a new one, which was accomplished in 1876. During the latter part of this period the church was under the care of Eld. Daniel Zook, of Unionville, Iowa, until the ordination of Abram Wolf, July 5, 1890. Bro. Wolf was elder in charge until 1903, when he moved to Udell, Iowa, and resigned the charge at Libertyville. In this period the membership of the church increased to about 140, including the members at Pleasant Hill, who were organized into a separate body in 1896 and continued for a number of years. Several young people were now added to the church.

The ministers who served the church at this time were as follows: Joseph Gilchrist, received by letter, stayed some

four or five years; W. N. Glotfelty and Willis Rodabaugh, chosen in 1893. The latter moved in 1895. After Bro. Wolf's departure in 1903 Elder C. M. Brower was given charge of it until his death, in 1906, when Bro. W. N. Glotfelty, who had been ordained, was placed in charge and has remained overseer ever since.

In this period there were two ministers called in as pastors. The first was Bro. Harry Collyer, who preached for them about two years. Then Bro. J. G. Rarick was secured and



Elder W. N. Glotfelty
At the Door of the Batavia Churchhouse

remained three years. About 1915 Bro. John Price moved there from Unionville. He was a young minister and is doing acceptable service. He still resides there, and with Bro. Glotfelter constitutes the active ministerial force of the church, with a number of deacons and two aged ministers. In the last few years there have been added to the church a number of young and middle-aged members, with families of children. Some of these members are zealous workers and their children are accepting their Savior, so that the work looks generally bright at the present time. However, this prosperity is not altogether unalloyed, as a wave of worldism has entered, in that some do not want to conform to the order of the church. It is to be hoped this feeling will soon be overcome.

The church did not always confine itself to the one preaching place. Where the Pleasant Hill church was organized there had been a regular monthly appointment since before 1850. There were also two places across the Des Moines River at Douds and Selma, where there were some members, and regular meetings were held until after 1900. Several members moving into Batavia as retired farmers, an old churchhouse was purchased and considerable work has been done, but because they have not been able to secure the attendance of young people and children, it has not given promise of permanence.

It is thought that as early as 1859 a Sunday-school was conducted in the neighborhood, when some of the members' children attended, and some think that Bro. Lutz engaged in Sunday-school work in the early sixties, but it was perhaps not until 1866 or '68 that the brethren made much headway in the work. We find that Bro. D. H. Garber and his sisters and Bro. J. H. Eshelman were some of the early Sunday-school workers. Later J. H. McCleary conducted a Sunday-school for several years. During this time some of the members were opposed and

others were indifferent to the Sunday-school, so that it did not tell strongly for the church. The interest has been increasing since 1890, and it is so strong at the present time that the members deemed it advisable to remodel the house for Sunday-school purposes. They have raised the house, put a basement underneath, added two Sunday-school rooms, and made other improvements at an expense of over \$2,000. They have had a successful Sisters' Aid Society for two or three years, and are making progress in carrying on a prosperous Christian Workers' meeting.

Some of the principal deacons are as follows: David Peebler, Michael Peebler, Abram Wagner, Geo. W. Brown, Wm. Roberts, Philip Albaugh, Wm. F. Baker, Jesse West, Joseph Rodabaugh, Alex. Smith, James Dunn, West Horn, Ellis Peebler, Samuel Peebler, Joseph Wagner, Joseph Burger, D. A. Wolf, Wm. Manning, D. E. Rodabaugh, Samuel Burger, Jerry Wolf, S. C. Laughlin, Henry Rodabaugh, Thomas Lawson.

An Old Letter to the Fairview Brethren

South English, Keokuk Co., Iowa, Aug. 28, 1856.

Dear Loving and Respected Brethren:

Your kind letter was received this evening and I was truly glad to hear from you; sorry to hear that Bro. Benjamin has poor health, but hope and trust that the Lord will bless and comfort him in his affliction. I will inform you that we and the Brethren in this arm of the church are all well as far as I know, praise and thanks to the Most High for the blessings we enjoy.

Now in answer to your loving request for my attendance at your love feast I must tell you that I am sorry that I cannot be with you, owing to the fact that the Brethren in Blackhawk County have also very warmly requested my attendance at their love feast, which will be on the 6th of September, and I finally agreed, if the Lord will, to be

there. So, dear Brethren, you will have me excused for this time. I suppose it would be well if the Brethren in Decatur County were organized. I think the proper way to organize them would be for several ordained Brethren and others to go to where they live and after duly considering their case then and there have a choice if they thought it expedient. But yet, dear Brethren, you all do as you think best. You can counsel or have it counseled at your communion meeting, and I hope and trust that the Lord will be with you and them at your love feast, and also hope and trust that the good Lord will make a way for the Brethren in Decatur County. Remember my love to them and tell them I feel for them, and now, dear Brethren, do try and be with us at our love feast, or at least some of you, and let me know what is done for the above-named Brethren, for I shall be anxious to hear. Dear Brethren, when it goes well with you remember me in your prayers. May the Lord enable you and us to contend for the Faith once delivered to the saints. Yours truly in love. To Brothers Benj. Leavell, Abraham Repogle, Daniel Zook, John Whistler, Israel Hardman. David Brower.

My best love and greetings to you all and all the Brethren in your parts. David Brower.

Pleasant Hill Church

This house was located in section 35, Liberty Township, Jefferson County, Iowa. It was a preaching point of the Libertyville church as early as 1850, and the most of the time regular monthly appointments were kept up. Some of the first members were Daniel and Chris Rodabaugh and Abram Schwartz, with their wives, and Mrs. Abe Rodabaugh. After 1860 Joseph Rodabaugh's and Thomas Lawson's were added. Some time after the war they succeeded

in buying an old schoolhouse, and putting suitable seats in, making it answer their purpose for several years.

There was not much real activity until in the eighties, when, after the death of Bro. Peter Lutz, through the efforts of D. E. Rodabaugh and Jas. Glotfelty, Bro. J. H. Fillmore was persuaded to move within the bounds of the Libertyville church in 1881, living most of the time in this arm of the congregation. About 1887 Bro. A. Molsbee, of Tennessee, came and held a series of meetings and several were baptized. This so increased the interest that in a year or two they were able to build a new churchhouse.

In 1889 Bro. Abram Wolf moved into the congregation and did considerable preaching at this place. In 1896, with the assistance of Elders Samuel Flory and John Gable, these members were organized into a separate body, to be known as the Pleasant Hill congregation. There were about forty members. Eld. Daniel Zook was chosen as bishop, with Jas. Glotfelty, who was ordained at that meeting, as assistant. Bro. E. G. Rodabaugh also was called to the ministry. There were four or five deacons in the organization. The territory included all that was east of Libertyville. There had been union Sunday-schools in the neighborhood previous to this time, but after the completion of the church there was a Brethren's Sunday-school organized. It continued while there was a churchhouse.

About 1898 Bro. Victor Anderson was called to the ministry and the work prospered for some years. After several of the older ones died, some moved away and some proved unfaithful and the interest lagged. Three of the ministers mentioned were called away, and Bro. E. G. Rodabaugh, who had been ordained, had charge of the work. He continued until his efforts seemed fruitless and not desiring to keep his family in such surroundings, he moved. The house was sold, and where was once a door to heaven is now overgrown with weeds and brush.

Eld. Daniel Holder

Daniel Holder was born in Somerset County, Pa., January, 1834. When he was eight years old his parents moved to Maryland, where they remained three years, then moving to West Virginia. After nine years of residence there he moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, where he had since resided except nine years in Ringgold County and three years in the service of his country.

Bro. Holder attended some little subscription school in West Virginia. This, with about one year's instruction after coming to Iowa, was the extent of his schooling. He was united in marriage to Louisa Jane Dunn July 2, 1854. To this union were born five children, three of whom died in infancy. One died in young womanhood and one son still lives, his home being in Montana.

Bro. Holder united with the Church of the Brethren in 1881. He was elected to the ministry about 1883, and ordained to the full ministry Sept. 6, 1905. Bro. Holder was a blacksmith by trade and followed this occupation most of his life, except, perhaps, five or six years when he was on a farm.

As a minister Bro. Holder was both entertaining and instructive. While he was small of stature, in his manner and conduct he was a natural orator. With his strong, orotund voice and his originality of expression, he never failed to gain the attention of his hearers. On account of his application to business in the early part of his ministry, and his poor health in his later years, the church did not get so much benefit of his life service. He did considerable preaching in the bounds of the home congregation and some in adjoining congregations upon love-feast occasions. In his explanation or deductions from the Scriptures he would often express conclusions contrary to those

reached by his brethren, but his ideas generally commanded admiration.

Bro. Holder almost instantly died of heart disease Oct. 20, 1919, aged 85 years, 9 months and 4 days. In his latter days he often expressed himself as seeing more and more beauty and power in the plan of salvation. His funeral was held in the Brethren church in Batavia, Iowa, by Brethren W. N. Glotfelty, J. H. Price and Abram Wolf. He was buried in the Brethren cemetery, three miles southeast of Batavia. His wife survived him only a few months, when she passed away and was laid by his side.

Elder Abraham Wolf

Eld. Abraham Wolf, the son of Jeremiah and Susannah Wolf, was born Sept. 12, 1837, in Logan County, Ohio, and died Oct. 17, 1922, aged eighty-five years, one month and six days.

The family moved to Champaign County in 1842, and in the year 1845 to Clark, Ohio. His mother died in 1848, and his father in 1856.

Abraham took advantage of the school privileges of his young days and received a good education in vocal music and penmanship, in which he gave lessons for many years.

In 1858 he was received into the Church of the Brethren in the Donnels Creek church, Ohio. In the same year, Sept. 12, he came to Keokuk, Iowa, in the bounds of the English River congregation.

Sept. 16, 1860, he was united in marriage to Katie Fritz, Eld. David Brown officiating. To this union were born six sons and five daughters, of whom three sons and five daughters are living. Two sons were called to the ministry. D. A., in the second degree, died October, 1913,

and Eld. C. Edward, now of Raisin City, Calif., and one son, Jerry A., to the deacon's office, now of Waterloo.

In the early sixties, Eld. Wolf was called to the deacon's office in the South Keokuk church and Sept. 2, 1876, he was called to the ministry of the same church and advanced to the second degree of the ministry, Aug. 31, 1878, in the Crooked Creek church, Washington County, Iowa.

March 4, 1889, he moved into the bounds of the Libertyville church, Jefferson County, where, July 5, 1890, he was ordained to the full ministry and given charge of the church the same day. He was elder in charge here for thirteen years, and saw the church grow from a few members to more than 140, with a new church built and organized—a part of the Pleasant Hill church.

Eld. Wolf was one of the strong ministers of the church and always contended for her principles and doctrine. He loved his church and did much for her upbuilding. He was a forceful man in doctrinal sermons, having studied his Bible well. In early life, when he had no access to helps or commentaries on the Bible, he carried his Testament with him to the field. When he would rest for a few minutes, he would be found studying God's Word. His conversation was much on the Scriptures.

Bro. Wolf was one of the first men to organize a Sunday-school in Keokuk County, Iowa, and the first Sunday-school superintendent among our people in the State of Iowa, to the writer's knowledge. This school was organized in the spring of 1871, at the brick schoolhouse, one mile west of the South Keokuk church, where it continued for four years. After the fifth year it was held in the church. He was superintendent of Sunday-schools for twenty-seven consecutive years. He always had a great love for the young people, and always looked to their best interests

through the Sunday-school and in giving instruction in vocal music and penmanship.

He represented his District twice on Standing Committee and many times as a delegate to the District Meetings. For the two years of 1896-97 and part of the year 1895 he was appointed by the General Mission Board to preach missionary sermons and take collections for home and foreign mission work in the Southern District of Iowa. He served the District often on committee work to churches.

In February, 1903, he moved to the Fairview church, of which he was elder in charge for thirteen years. At one time he had charge of five churches. This was his last church and because of advanced age he resigned in April, 1911.

He traveled in his ministry 61,728 miles by different methods—afoot, horseback, in wagon and by railroads—mostly at his own expense. He preached 3,205 sermons, besides 175 funeral sermons, and gave to his ministerial work 1,875 work days. He held seventy-two series of meetings and baptized 140 into the church, although these are only a small number of those brought into the church through his ministry.

During the last eight years of Sister Wolf's life he did but little church work, because of her poor health. When he was called away to preach or serve the church, in any capacity, she never complained, but did everything possible to make his going pleasant. She had much responsibility and care. She was one of the sainted women of God and a real mother in Israel to her family and church, and to all whom she met in her path of life. She was given much to prayer at the family altar and at church services.

Much credit for Bro. Wolf's success must be given to her, for her devotion and faithfulness to him and the Lord's

work. She accepted Christ as her Savior when but twelve years of age, and served him faithfully for almost fifty-eight years. Brother and Sister Wolf walked and labored in the joys and sorrows of married life for fifty-three years. The summons came to her Aug. 15, 1913, after years of suffering.

Funeral services were conducted by Eld. Orlando Ogdern, assisted by Bro. John Price, of the Fairview congregation. Interment was made in the Fairview cemetery, near by.

After the departure of his faithful companion Bro. Wolf continued to travel and preach and labor for the Master, as God gave him ability. He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Lillie Jones, of Fairfield, Iowa, although he visited considerably among his children and others. About one year before his death he spent several months with his son in Denver, Colo. He was visiting with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Emma McCurdy, of Selma, Iowa, when he became unable to travel. He had cancer of the stomach. After being confined to his bed about four weeks God said, "Come up higher," Oct. 17, 1922. Funeral services were held Oct. 19 at the Fairview church, near Udel, Iowa, by Eld. Orlando Ogdern, after which the remains were laid in the beautiful cemetery near by, by the side of those of his wife.

Thus passed out the life of a very useful man. He was the oldest minister in the District, both in age and number of years in the ministry. He was very aggressive, and was ever ready to do all in his power for the advancement of the cause, admonishing his brethren to be faithful unto the end. He preached the last time he was able to attend church services. He was anointed according to James 5: 14, Sept. 6, 1922, realizing that the end was nigh. He had full confidence that God was faithful to reward those who trust and obey his Word.—A. H. B.

John H. Filmore

By J. D. Haughtelin

The subject of this sketch was born at Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1820, and died in Van Buren County, Iowa, Dec. 9, 1889. Between these two dates the scenes and labors of a varied, busy and useful life were enacted. Of his ancestors I have nothing, except that his father, in an exciting chase after a deer, overheated himself and died suddenly.

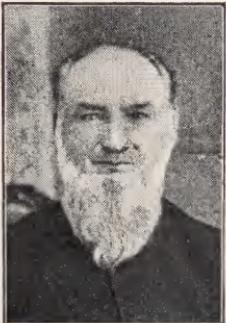
As a boy John was lively, mischievous, up early and at it all day long, with a host of admiring friends around him to whom he was true, though sometimes they were the victims of his wits and pranks. His education was limited, but his keen conception and wide-awake, observing nature enabled him to increase and reduce to practice his store of information.

He was a man of strong individuality; bold to declare and defend his convictions. This caused him to be talked

about much by those best acquainted with him. Though I never lived nearer than sixty miles of him, I often heard of him before I first met him in September, 1864 (war times). He took much delight in wood-chopping, and did a great deal of it. It was natural for him to obey the injunction, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Even in his old days he took great pleasure in having a neat, orderly woodpile near his kitchen door, and he delighted in doing

his best, whether chopping wood or preaching the Gospel.

In 1849 he was married to Mrs. Sarah Hyatt. (The first



John H. Filmore

time she saw him he was discoursing on the temperance problem.) To them were born three sons—Wm. H., David T. and Jacob C., and one daughter, Rachel A., now the wife of Bro. J. T. Couser, of Britton, S. Dak. Her mother lives with them.

In 1850, near Washington, D. C., Bro. Filmore sought religion by the shouting Methodist mourner bench route, so popular in the East in those days. His energetic, investigating mind soon caused him to long for something more substantial than the emotional and sensational. By reading the Scriptures he learned that "the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation." Coming in contact with the Brethren, in Maryland, he, in 1854, accepted the fuller light, and soon became a very earnest advocate of their teaching. In 1856 he was chosen to the ministry, in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The next year he moved to Waterloo, Iowa. His zeal and impulsiveness soon brought him to prominent notice. This increased his self-reliance, which, in time, brought him into trouble which caused him to exercise his wits in making his defense. "Forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before," caused him to become a ready talker and quite successful, especially in new territory.

This peculiarity in his make-up caused him to move often. As nearly as I can learn, he moved from Waterloo to Linn, Butler, Benton, and Jefferson Counties, successively, in Iowa, then to Grundy and Davis Counties, in Missouri, thence to Lee County, Illinois; from there to Adams, Harrison and Shelby Counties, in Iowa, and from there back to Jefferson County in his declining days.

Being quite sensitive he was very easily elated or depressed by environments. One incident will illustrate: He held a series of meetings in a new place, with marked suc-

cess. This elated him. Before starting home a number of generous sisters laid together and procured a dress pattern for his wife, and some valuable presents for the children. These were given into the hands of a good, reliable deacon to give to him. He, seeing how elated Bro. Filmore was, presented the gifts with the following little speech: "Bro. John, here are some presents the sisters are sending your family, but we don't want you to think it is pay for your preaching. We have brethren here who can preach just as well as you." It struck a tender spot. He said to the brethren who took him to the train, "Did you ever know a man to get such a downsetting to start home with?"

At a certain place in Iowa his aggressiveness caused a minister of another denomination to challenge him for a discussion. Some of the brethren opposed his accepting it, and some encouraged him. He either underestimated the ability of his opponent, or overestimated his own, but he accepted and was defeated. The Brethren in general were not willing to leave it go at that, but soon arranged to have Bro. Quinter discuss with his opponent. When Bro. Quinter came and was introduced to the opponent, N. A. McConnell, Bro. Filmore said to Mr. McConnell, "You will find you will not have John Filmore to handle this time." Quickly the reply came, "I am aware of that. I have a gentleman to meet this time." The thrust wounded him, but he did not lose his wits, as his reply shows. He gravely replied, "I wish Bro. Quinter could say as much."

Upon one occasion I heard him in all the fervor of his soul, contending for the cause of his Master, and, catching the eye of a veteran brother, who was well acquainted with his troubles and weaknesses, he exclaimed, "Oh! Brethren, if I could only live it as well as I can preach it." He was called by the church to one of his successful earlier fields

of labor where he spent his last days peacefully in the service of his Master.

Dec. 9, 1889, being somewhat indisposed, he was sitting in his easy chair, singing, "In that sweet by and by," when he peacefully closed his eyes in death. His mortal remains were laid in the narrow limits of the grave at Libertyville to await the call of the resurrection morning.

Thus ended the busy life of one who had labored in many different parts of the Master's vineyard. May the good seed he has sown bring forth a bountiful harvest.

Panora, Iowa.

Peter Lutz

Peter Lutz was born in 1811, but of the place of his birth we are not certain. We were able to learn but little of his early life, except that he was a care-free boy, not being curbed by the conventionalities which restrain some of the lads of the present day. It is not likely he ever attended school for any considerable time. The principal event of his early life, of which we have a record, is his marriage to Miss Mary Kyle, who survived him some thirteen years.

He was baptized into the Church of the Brethren and was chosen to the ministry in the East, coming from Somerset County, Pa., to Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1847. Of his after years a great deal could be written, because his was an unusual life. He was undoubtedly one of the most eccentric men for miles around. In his personal appearance he was careless. It was a common thing to see him with one trouser leg rolled up and hanging over his boot top and the other reaching down to the ankle. In his day buggies or light wagons were scarce, and he despised going on horseback, so he was known to walk ten to fifteen miles to fill an appointment and back the same day. Sometimes he walked ten miles barefooted, and in that condition filled

the pulpit. Nothing strange was thought of it. In his financial affairs the same unconcern was manifest, and the result was a great deal of waste, although he always had plenty. However, we are concerned most about him as a preacher.

It is said that he rarely took a text, as is common among preachers, but in his discourse he would quote one scripture after another, so that he was considered a ready Scripturist. He was what young folks called long-winded, both in prayer service and preaching. He once said to a deacon, "Bro. Joe, I hate to begin a story and have to quit before I get through." At one time when a visiting minister was expected to preach, Bro. Lutz arose to open the meeting and took so much time in exhorting and prayer that the visiting minister dismissed the services immediately after opening prayer. At another time Bro. Lutz was making the closing prayer after the burial of a friend in a drizzling rain. When all had left except one deacon brother, who nudged him, he turned and asked the brother why he did not tell him sooner. When Bro. Lutz was preaching at communions in other congregations sometimes the other ministers would pull his coat tail to get him to sit down.

Bro. Lutz was very outspoken in some of his utterances, and for this reason often made enemies. He did not like to preach the funeral of a wicked person, because he knew that he would say something to hurt the feelings of the relatives. Once, when a young brother made his first attempt at preaching Bro. Lutz belittled the effort, and said that he was ashamed that such a failure was made in the pulpit. The young brother was greatly discouraged, and perhaps would never have made another attempt had not a good deacon taken him home with him and given him the needed encouragement. Because of his outspoken ways in the time of the war and because he performed the marriage ceremony of a brother and divorced woman, Bro.

Lutz was relieved of the ministry and for some years he did no church work, until Bro. J. H. Filmore moved into the congregation and was instrumental in bringing about a reconciliation. Perhaps on account of the qualities and conditions already mentioned Bro. Lutz was never ordained. Although he had many qualities that are not considered favorable to one who would be an ideal minister, he was a really entertaining preacher and was considered a power in the pulpit. While his brethren came in for their share of his rebukes, in general they overlooked his faults and he accomplished a great deal of good. He was progressive and aggressive, and seems always to have favored Sunday-schools, protracted meetings, etc.

Eld. John Garber

Eld. John Garber was born Feb. 16, 1802, in Maryland. His father, being a poor man, apprenticed him to a hat maker, which trade he followed in a small way after he moved West. Little is known of his early educational advantages, but they must have been superior to those of the "common run" at that time, perhaps because of his own personal efforts. He was a splendid penman and taught several terms of school. Autograph letters, still in the possession of his grandson, though written with a quill, are marvels of neatness.

Later in life he moved to Pennsylvania where he was married to Sarah Albaugh, and they united with the Church of the Brethren. He was elected to the ministry in Cambria County, Pa., and in 1838 with his family moved to Jefferson County, Iowa, coming down the Ohio and up the Mississippi to Burlington in a steamboat. He entered land north of Libertyville and continued to farm until his death. He was ordained to the eldership soon after coming to the State, being the first elder of his faith to be ordained in

Iowa and the second west of the Mississippi. The services were held in David Peebler's barn, and were conducted by Eld. George Wolf. He was blessed with a family of seven children, as follows: Susanna, Catherine, Sarah and Phœba; Samuel W. and David, both ministers in the Church of the Brethren, and Daniel. Most of the children embraced the faith of their parents.

The few letters, previously mentioned, and what has been gleaned from the few persons now living who remembered him, are the only means I have of giving to posterity a knowledge of his character. I may truthfully say that from those who knew him I have not heard a word of criticism concerning his life. His letters overflow with reverence to God and gentleness and love for his family. As long as he lived he was quite active in the work of the church in Southern Iowa, often visiting the churches in adjoining counties. He spoke in both English and German and he sometimes was called upon to preach in German.

Dec. 11, 1859, he departed this life on the farm he had entered twenty years before, and was laid to rest in the cemetery west of the churchhouse. The writer recently visited the old homestead. The mound where the house stood, the well and some rosebushes are all that remain to mark the spot. Time will efface these, but his labors in the Lord will abide forever.

His life is a vivid illustration of the fact that our influence may reach farther than we suspect. He deemed his life so humble that he kept no record of it, yet he was a pioneer of Iowa. When he erected his cabin in Jefferson County, hundreds of savage Indians occupied the forests and prairies of Iowa, and pioneer life was full of dangers. He gave his time and talent to establish the church in her borders, and now, fifty-eight years after he passed away,

we eagerly grasp every scrap of history he made. As a minister he was not emotional nor boisterous, but calm and deliberate, and his preaching was effective because backed by a loving and consistent life. He was a good counselor and the church prospered under his eldership. The members felt especially bereft, because a man so useful to the church and society should be taken before he had rounded out even his threescore years and ten.

F. A. Garber.

CHAPTER II

Fairview Church

This church is situated near the center of Udell Township, Appanoose County, Iowa, three miles east of the town of Udell.

As early as 1849 or 1850 members, mostly from Indiana and Ohio, began to move into the above-mentioned community. Among those who received letters of membership which are preserved to the present time are Samuel Whistler and wife in 1849, Henry Whistler and wife and Anna Bashore in 1850, and before 1853 were John Clemmens, John Whistler, Jonathan Lantz, Wm. Stickler, Geo. Masters and Benjamin Leavell with their wives. In 1853 a number of members met and were organized into a working body, with proper officials. We were unable to learn with certainty what elder or elders assisted them in the organization, or who first had the oversight of the church. The number of members who handed in their letters at the organization is also uncertain, as one individual gives it at fourteen, which is also the number given in the record of the faithful, while another places the number at seven or eight, but whichever number is correct, there certainly were others who had letters ready to hand in and others came later, so that in two or three years after the organization there must have been more than fifty members. Bro. Benjamin Leavell was perhaps the first minister to serve the church. A minister by the name of John S. Holsinger handed in a letter of membership, which was perhaps in the early day. Bro. Leavell died in the early sixties. Among the first to be called to the ministry were Abraham Replogle, Daniel Zook, Wm. Stickler, and Joseph Zook.

Among the members were some of the most successful financiers of the community. Many of them were substantial and faithful workers in the churches, so that this soon became a center of religious and moral activity for the eastern part of Appanoose County, and was recognized in other communities. These stalwart tillers of the soil shed an influence for good and right, which will not soon be eradicated from the standing of the community. They prospered while they held their services in schoolhouses and their communions in barns or in open air, until 1866, when they were enabled to dedicate their first churchhouse, which is still standing. Perhaps the first resident bishop to have active charge of the congregation was Bro. Abraham Replogle, who, on account of infirmities of age and blindness, resigned perhaps before 1880, and Bro. Daniel Zook was given charge and remained at the helm until 1894, when he resigned and moved to Van Buren County. Bro. Martin Replogle then succeeded to the place until 1898, when he resigned, and Bro. Abram Wolf was called upon to be their shepherd.

Soon after the building of the meetinghouse, perhaps about 1868, the people of the community began meeting for Sunday-school work, which met with the most flattering success. It was a union Sunday-school and had a regular attendance of from 250 to 300 patrons each Sunday.

The prosperity of the church continued until about 1880, when the number of members had reached 125 or more. This prosperity was attained without any special efforts in the way of protracted meetings, such as have since been used, and the church bade fair to become one of the strongest in the District. The Sunday-school continued to do good work without much active opposition. While some were opposed to it and would not enter the church

while the Sunday-school was in session, they did not make any disturbance.

Perhaps the first series of meetings was held by Eld. D. B. Gibson about 1878 or 1880. This may have been followed by other like efforts until about 1881 or 1882, when S. H. Bashor held a protracted meeting, during which some thirty applicants were baptized, all of whom afterwards, with the exception of two or three families, went with the Progressives. About this time some five or six families, feeling that the congregation was becoming too Progressive, withdrew and joined their fortunes with the Old Order element. A few members had all along been out of sympathy with the councils of the church, and some were not in love and fellowship with their brother members. This proved to be an opportunity for the leaders of division to get in their work. Two of them chanced to see S. J. Harrison and S. H. Bashor on a train, and soon made arrangements for them to come and hold a series of meetings, which resulted in thirty or more members withdrawing from the fellowship of the church. Most of them were young heads of families. Among the number were two or three ministers and some of the deacons. This proved a hindrance to church work, which time will not soon overcome. However, the few remaining have continually used their energies for the cause which they love so well. The Sunday-school and preaching services were continued, and through the grace of God they are still contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. They have their communions twice a year, their protracted meetings nearly every year, and for some time have had their Sisters' Aid Society and Christian Workers' meetings.

Perhaps the most joyous time they have had in a long time was in the fall of 1915, when Bro. J. F. Swal-

low, of Franklin County, held a series of meetings for them, and twenty-eight were received into the church, including a considerable number of young people.

Bro. A. Wolf had charge of the church from 1898, and moving into the congregation in 1903 he remained their elder until 1911, when on account of age, he resigned, and Bro. Orlando Ogden was selected as overseer. Their pastoral needs are looked after by three ministers, Bro. Anthony Sanger being active leader, with O. Ogden and J. H. Keller, both elders, as helpers, assisted by a number of deacons.

Always there were members living in adjoining neighborhoods, and the ministers often were called to many nearby places to preach the Gospel in different parts of the county. While these appointments without doubt accomplished much good, yet they resulted in establishing no permanent churches. Eternity alone will tell what good some of those old soldiers of the cross accomplished. Besides the ministers mentioned elsewhere, some of those serving the church were as follows: J. W. Hawn, elected 187-, killed, 1899; Joseph Zook, elected perhaps after 1860, went Progressive, 1888; Tazwell Gray, received by letter from neighboring Missouri congregation, died after 1900; Wm. Krewson, received by letter about 1890, died in Idaho after 1900; H. A. Whisler, elected 1891, went to California before 1900; Orlando Ogden, installed 1893, ordained about 1908; O. W. Leavell, minister, 1893, moved west about 1900; J. H. Keller, minister, 1894, advanced 1895, ordained 1904; Jacob Bahr, time of service unknown, but strong minister; Samuel Bucher, letter 1902, here two years; D. A. Wolf, elected 1902; Theo. Price, elected 1909-1912; John Price, elected 1909, moved to Libertyville 1915.

Some of the principal deacons were as follows: Samuel Whisler, died 1875; Henry Epperly, Old Order, 1882 or

1883; John P. Jennings, died 1892; Henry Whisler, died 1899. The above four deacons were among the first, but the date of their election could not be secured. A. M. Whisler, elected 1898; Charles Deahl, 1898; M. A. Whisler, by letter, 1912; John Burger and Fred Ulerich, elected 1915; Ellis Peebler, by letter, 1908, died 1916. All the last named are living except Bro. Peebler.

Pleasant Valley

Some of the members living in the southwestern part of the county, who were members of the Fairview church, felt that they could accomplish more work in a separate congregation. So, in harmony with this feeling, in 1877 they were organized into a separate body, known as the Pleasant Valley church, with twelve charter members. Among the families represented were Sticklers, Beers, Corders, Krewsons, Kellers, and Kerschners. They never built a house of worship, but preached in schoolhouses and held their communions in improvised brush arbors. Bro. Wm. Stickler was their elder, and at least two ministers were included within their church territory. Harvey Corder was minister during the life of the organization. E. Teeter was minister for a while. Some of the deacons were Henry Keller, James Beer, Aaron Kerschner, and John Sharpe. In 1881 they numbered fifty-five members, which was perhaps the high mark of the congregation in the way of membership. They still worked as ministers with the Fairview church, and in 1886 or 1887, on account of Bro. Stickler's failing health, they disorganized and again became affiliated with the Fairview congregation.

Abraham Replogle

Abraham Replogle was born in Bedford County, Pa., Aug. 8, 1806. We are not informed as to his early train-

ing and environment, but we find that the county of his birthplace had quite an influence for the brethren. His parents died when he was but five years old, so that he hardly knew the real love and care of a godly parentage. Thus he was thrown upon the mercy of relatives or friends, or suffered the hardships of an orphan's life. He was married to Barbary Miller Feb. 24, 1828. We find that about this time, or sooner, he emigrated to Wayne County, Ind. He was the father of fourteen children, all of whom, except one, became members of the church. He came to Appanoose County about 1854 and was soon afterwards elected to the ministry. It is likely he was one of the first elders of the Fairview church. We were not able to secure as much of the history of his life and character as we would like, but he must have been evenly tempered, of a fatherly disposition and a good elder, as the church seemed to prosper under his care. He was fairly strong and fluent as a minister, and preached considerably in surrounding communities and churches. It is said that he and Bro. Wm. Stickler traveled together a great deal and thought as much of each other as two brothers could. He continued his labors until the infirmities of age and his blindness interfered. He passed from labor to reward Dec. 31, 1885. His faithful companion passed away three years before. His funeral was conducted by Eld. Wm. Stickler.

Eld. Wm. Stickler

William Stickler was born in Miami County, Ohio, Feb. 28, 1819. We are not informed of his parental training along religious lines, but from his life and character he must have inherited considerable religious zeal and a strong character. His father dying when he was but three years old, his education was limited to thirteen days in school, but he arose above his environments and in his

life acquired a developed mind and intellect. At the age of seven he was bound out to a man named Ebenezer Yates. He often told how he was mistreated by this man, even when he tried to do his best and when forbearance ceased to be a virtue. At the age of 14 he ran away and from then he started to be the architect of his own fortune.

In 1839 he was married to Mary J. Delong To this union six children were born The wife of his youth dying, he was again married, to Nancy Ann Thomas, to whom fourteen children were born. Thirteen children survived him and were present at his funeral. Some have since died.

In early life he united with the Methodist church, but July 28, 1842, he became a member of the Church of the Brethren. He came to Iowa with his family in 1852, and located in the southwestern part of Appanoose County. Here he was called to the ministry May 28, 1855, and later ordained to the eldership.

In his younger days he contended with a weakly body, being inclined to consumption, but in later life he was in some way permitted to overcome in a measure this infirmity, and became a strong man and a hard worker. He always followed the vocation of farming and was sufficiently successful, so that he was not strained for support in his old age. While, as before stated, he was not blessed with a school education, being a tireless worker and an ambitious man he obtained a general education above the average and was exceedingly wise in his ability to apply it. One of his children has truly said he was a self-made man. He was a student of religious literature and history, and especially the Bible, and never lacked for words to express and emphasize what he wanted to say. It has been stated that he had a voice like a lion, and when at his best he preached with his whole body as well as with his tongue.

The Brotherhood certainly has not produced many more forcible preachers than he was. A school-teacher once remarked that Bro. Stickler had the best command of language of any uneducated man he ever heard.

He often called himself the Methodist Dunkard, perhaps because he possessed the zeal and activity of the old-time Methodist preachers, yet loving and upholding the doctrines of the Brethren. He was of Old Order inclination, as opposed to Sunday-schools, salaried ministers, protracted meetings, etc. He loved to debate and often said he would rather debate than do anything else. No one who ever heard him debate would want to be pitted against him. An instance will prove the point:

A Christian minister once announced in his neighborhood that he would use a certain morning appointment to prove that the Brethren were not following the Bible. He did not think that Bro. Stickler would attend, but Bro. Stickler was there, and when the minister had used his strongest language to prove his points, Bro. Stickler announced that at a certain time he would make a full reply. The minister offered his afternoon appointment so that he could be present to hear Bro. Stickler. Bro. Stickler thanked him, and when Bro. Stickler opened his talk the minister sat looking the brother squarely in the face, but before the sermon was over he was leaning on his hand and looking at the aisle behind him! He told some of the folks afterward that he never received such a licking as Bro. Stickler gave to him. These points are not written to recommend that kind of preaching, but to show the power that is given to some men. Our study should be to discover in what way the most good can be accomplished.

Bro. Stickler was laid to rest Aug. 6, 1905, and as one writer has said, "How are the mighty fallen!"

Eld. Martin Replogle

Martin Replogle was born in Wayne County, Ind., in 1830. He was the second son of Eld. Abraham Replogle, whose biography will be found elsewhere. He received what in those days was considered a common school education. He was married to Anna Hareter in 1850. To this union nine children were born. He followed the occupation of farming all his life. He had an interest in the flouring mill business with his brothers for a few years, but turned it over to them in a short time. He was again married, to Elizabeth Hiel, and his third wife was Sister Jennings, who survived him.

Bro. Replogle was elected deacon in 1852, and served in that capacity until called to the ministry in 1862. He was advanced to the second degree in 1870, and ordained in 1892. He was given the charge of the Fairview church in 1894, and retained the oversight until 1898, when he resigned and Eld. Abram Wolf was selected. While he did considerable preaching and visited some among the adjoining churches, he was not as much at home in the pulpit as were some of his brethren. Perhaps his strongest "preaching" was shown in his success as a financier and his willingness to help the church in her different activities. He was always willing to perform his duty and never shirked any task which the church put upon him. He was laid to rest in the graveyard near the church where he did so much of his church work.

Eld. Daniel Zook

Daniel Zook was born in Bedford County, Pa., Feb. 6, 1824. When quite young he moved with his parents to Wayne County, Ind. We have no means of knowing anything of his early life, except that his education was lim-

ited, as schools in those days were meager. On Nov. 17, 1844, he was married to Margaret Hardman. He united with the Church of the Brethren about 1845, and moved to Iowa and located in Appanoose County in 1855, having previously been elected to the office of deacon. Soon after coming to Iowa he was set apart for the ministry, and later was ordained to the full ministry and was several years the presiding elder of the Fairview church, until 1894, when he resigned the oversight and moved to Van Buren County. He was also for a number of years the bishop of the Libertyville church. Soon after he moved to Van Buren County the Pleasant Hill church was organized and he was placed in charge, continuing until his death.

In 1894 he was joined in marriage to Sister Sarah Fillmore, who survived him some years. He never was blessed with children, but that did not detract from his fatherly nature, as he was a father to all who made his acquaintance. He was a strong and entertaining speaker and love and sympathy shone out through his sermons as it did in all his life. He was perhaps sympathetic to a fault, as at one time he went security for a brother who entered into a business, and the result was that he lost all his earthly possessions, which put him in financial straits the rest of his life. But the manifestation of his love for God, the church and the unsaved will ever be a sweet savor to those who came in contact with him. He died at Birmingham Jan. 9, 1903, at the advanced age of 79 years.

CHAPTER III

Monroe County Church

The house is located one and one-half miles east of Avery, in Mantua Township, Monroe County, Iowa.

Eld. Francis Myers and his son-in-law, William Hartman, of Indiana, came to the eastern part of Monroe County on or about Sept. 15, 1853, and secured lodging at the home of John Stevenson, who made them welcome in his home until they were able to bargain for a piece of land. These brethren then returned to Indiana, to bring their families to their new homes. Before returning to Iowa they sent a request to the aforesaid Mr. Stevenson, to announce a preaching service at his home for the last Sunday in November of that year. The services were then soon moved to a schoolhouse in the neighborhood.

Some time in May, 1854, Bro. Myers stated his intention of organizing a Church of the Brethren, and invited all who desired to do so to present themselves for membership. Several requested baptism, among the number being Orin Judson and wife, Peter Miller and wife, Barker Bates and wife, Miss Sarah Judson, afterwards Miller, Olive Tyrrell, afterwards Morgan, and perhaps some others. Some time within this year these members, with others, to the number of twenty, were organized into a body of church workers, with Bro. Franky Myers as leader. If he was not already an elder he was soon ordained and became the shepherd of the flock.

Within this same year Bro. Daniel Miller and wife, Bro. John Hansel and wife, both ministers, and David Kingery, Sr., a deacon, and wife, located within the county.

These pioneer brethren were among the best citizens, and through their consistent living the church increased in influence and numbers. They had no protracted or revival meetings, but those who felt the value of church membership were not backward in making their wants known. At the death of Eld. Myers, in 1865, Eld. Daniel Miller, who had previously been ordained, was given the oversight,



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which he held until the time of his death in 1883. In all this time they had no house of worship, and as the members lived in several groups their meetings were held either in the schoolhouses or private dwellings where there were one or more families of members. Those who came from a little distance were expected to stay for dinner. This sometimes worked a hardship when there were only one or two families to do the entertaining, but the social part of this plan was certainly helpful.

Their communion services were held in barns or groves.

In this time they had no prayer meetings nor Sunday-schools; and no great effort was made towards evangelism. While they held their own they failed generally to get their members' children or outsiders interested in the church work. Other denominations sprang up here and there, and the Brethren church had an unequal chance in the rivalry for prestige. Eld. Myers being an aggressive minister, and perhaps not overly strict in church government, many were added to the church in the beginning of its history. Eld. Miller was of the opposite type, and thus tended to hold in check a rapid increase in membership. This may have been for the better, in that it kept the church loyal to the Brotherhood, so that in the sad time of division in many churches the Monroe County church lost only three or four who went to the Old Order branch. It developed that the largest number of members was located near Cuba, south of Fredric, and the members for some time were counting on erecting a building as soon as they were able. When the time was ripe Bro. Berkman offered to donate one and one-half acres of ground on which to build, and the proposition was accepted. In 1884 the house, which still stands, was built and dedicated to the service of the Lord. The membership at that time stood at ninety, and for several years before and after it varied between eighty and 100. At about that time, upon the death of Eld. Daniel Miller, in 1883, Bro. Hiram Berkman was ordained and placed in charge of the church.

After the building of the churchhouse appointments were still kept up at different places in the county, and new ones were made when isolated members or friendly outsiders requested. It would be unwise to specify all of these, but one we think deserves mention. It was in the northern part of the county, and included the corner of Marion County, east of Lovilla. Members were there at an early

day, and for many years the Brethren had regular preaching at that place. For a while there were as many as fifteen or twenty members, but through death, emigration and lack of interest there are only one or two left. We find as the trouble everywhere that the efforts have not been either constant or energetic enough to produce permanent results.

There was no Sunday-school carried on by the Brethren until about 1886, but since 1890 the school has been practically evergreen and much good has been accomplished through its ministration. Other church activities have received some attention. Prayer meetings have been held at different times. A Christian Workers' meeting has been carried on most of the time since it originated in the Brotherhood.

Since the resignation of Bro. Hiram Berkman as elder, in 1907, on account of infirmities of age, the church has been most of the time without a resident elder. From that time to the spring of 1914 Bro. Peter Brower had charge, attending many of the councils and looking after the interests of the church.

From 1914 to 1917 Eld. D. P. Miller was the chosen bishop. During these years the church went through the regular routine of work, according to the best plans she knew, as the Lord gave her wisdom, holding protracted meetings almost every year and taking in those who were willing to accept the Savior, they being mostly from the Sunday-school ranks. In this time many of the standard bearers passed away or because of age were retired from active service, and many emigrated to other fields of labor. Because of these conditions, and considering that many of them were the best workers, the church has hardly held her own. The outlook, however, is brighter at present. The membership had decreased to about sixty, but at

present it is about seventy-five. Bro. D. H. Fouts, having moved in from Washington, was placed in charge of the church, and he, with E. S. Fouts and W. Rodabaugh, constitutes the active ministerial force of the church, with eight deacons as helpers. Some of the ministers besides the above were as follows:

John Hansel, 1854 to 1873, one of the most consistent Christians; Daniel Miller, Jr., 1875 to 1883; Isaac Miller, 1883 to 1890; Lewis Miller, 1883 to 1895; J. M. Follis, 1890 to 1903; Willis Rodabaugh, 1895 —; Henry Butler, 1901 to 1903; Frank Roberts, 1902 to 1913; E. S. Fouts, 1910.

Some of the deacons were as follows: David Kingery, Sr., 1854 to 1880, went with Old Order branch; Peter Miller, for many years a pillar in the church; Daniel Miller; all his children joined the church; Aaron Moss, about 1882; John Smeltzer, before 1890; A. L. Morgan and L. P. Morgan, about 1890; W. S. Adkinson, 1893; J. B. Bruere, 1894; W. W. Miller, about 1893; J. J. Miller, 1894 to 1915; E. D. Cook; L. P. McCoy, 1905; A. R. McMullin, 1910; Geo. Miller, 1913.

Eld. Francis Myers

“Uncle Franky” Myers died July 25, 1865, aged 59 years, 5 months and 7 days. He came to Monroe County, Iowa, in 1853, from Indiana. We were unable to secure any information concerning his early life, but from the description of the man and his habits he certainly had not much schooling except what he received in the school of experience and hard knocks. His homespun trousers and flannel shirt were an evidence of his truly pioneer life and character. People were forced to admire him because of his honesty and sterling worth. He was a minister, with much above the average ability of those of his time. He was truthful, sympathetic, sensational and convincing. He

always backed his arguments by what the Gospel had to say, but he never engaged in what people sometimes call clubbing.

As an illustration of his power we wish to cite one incident. When he first came to Monroe County there was a place in the community where people resorted for drinking, gambling, horse racing, fighting and kindred evils. Uncle Franky signified that by the help of the Lord he would try to break up the gang, and it was not long until, through his plain and pointed gospel preaching, the people's patronage of the place was withdrawn and the evil was overcome. It is said that he could have an audience convulsed with laughter and the next moment weeping.

He favored, to a certain extent, the revival spirit, which is now sanctioned more than it used to be. At one time he was granted the privilege, by the members, of giving an invitation after a sermon, and at its conclusion one of his colaborgers characterized him as a howling Methodist. Because of his entertaining qualities he was often invited to address people at camp or basket meetings in surrounding neighborhoods.

He was a strong sympathizer with the abolition cause during the Civil War, and one or two of his sons enlisted in the Federal army. Once, when the news reached home of the defeat of the Union forces, he was so overcome that he could not preach, and dismissed the meeting for that time. While he was a lover of the church and her rulings, he always pointed to the Gospel rather than to church laws for his authority. He was progressive in his ideas and perhaps lenient in his discipline. He and his wife died the same year of the dread disease, smallpox, which one of their sons had contracted in the army and brought home. His memory is still cherished by some of the early settlers, who speak of him in commendable terms.

A short time ago we visited the last resting place of this one-time hero in a forsaken and neglected graveyard. We could scarcely find the place for the growth of weeds and brush. There have been none of his relatives in the community for several years, and very few thereabouts know the last resting place of this noble man. While his name and grave may be forgotten, the result of his work remains.

Eld. Daniel Miller

Daniel Miller was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1803. When he was three years old his parents moved to Indiana Territory, into what afterwards became Union County. Here he grew to manhood, and because of his pioneer surroundings it is likely that his education was limited, except in the school of experience and observation. He was, however, undoubtedly reared under Christian influences, perhaps of Christian parentage, as he was called to Christian discipleship and ministry in his native State. He was what one of his sons termed "a common scrub farmer," dividing his time between the ministry of the Word and providing a living for his family.

The only important event of his life in his native State, of which we can give the exact date (Nov. 17, 1825), was his marriage to Lydia Eikenberry, who was a companion in all his sorrows and a sharer of all his joys. She was said to have been one of the most consistent and lovable of women. One brother confessed that her righteous life was the initial cause of his conversion. To this union were born eleven children, nine of whom lived to maturity. One son and two daughters embraced the faith of their parents. The others lived consistent Christian lives in other denominations. His companion survived him by several years, dying Jan. 26, 1891, aged over 84 years.

In 1854 Bro. Miller, with his family, moved to Monroe County, Iowa, and located on a farm one and one-half miles north of Fredric, where he resided until his death. Here also is where we are most concerned about him as a minister. He was a very rapid speaker. As one brother said, "he ran all over himself." Whatever he undertook he prosecuted with all his might. So, when preaching, after shedding his outer garment, the perspiration often would fall to the floor. He preached considerably along doctrinal lines, one brother remarking that he always kept to the point. He was opposed to anything that savored of sensation or emotion, and often referred to the practice or opinions of the old brethren in expressing himself on church polity. He also favored the Old Order element in many of their tenets. He was therefore opposed to Sunday-schools and protracted and prayer meetings, and none of them were attempted in the congregation until after his death. In his discipline, both in his home and the church, he was rather stern, and very few cared to oppose him in his decisions. Considering his extreme views, he certainly had much ability as an overseer, in that the church prospered under his care. Oct. 4, 1883, he was laid to rest, and his mantle was placed upon other shoulders.

Eld. Hiram Berkman

Hiram Berkman was born in Indiana June 6, 1840. He was blessed with a good common school education and spent some of his young manhood in teaching several terms of school. By this means he laid the foundation of his after useful life. He was reared in the faith of the primitive (Hardshell) Baptist church, his parents belonging to that denomination, and for several years he was affiliated with that faith.

March 15, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss

Rachel Himmelick. To this union were born six children, three of whom lived to maturity. The two daughters are living in the faith of their parents, and the son is a member of another denomination. His former wife dying, he was united in marriage to Sister Mary A. Funk Oct. 17, 1883, and with her he lived to the time of his death. She still survives him.

He, with his family, moved to Iowa in 1869, and after a few years located on a farm one and one-half miles east of Avery, where he resided to the time of his death. In 1870 he and his wife united with the Church of the Brethren, and ever afterward he was a liberal giver of his time and means to her prosperity. He was soon called to the ministry, and about 1881 he was ordained to the full ministry, in which office he labored faithfully for about twenty-five years. He contributed the land on which the churchhouse was built, besides doing his share in money donation.

As a minister, at first sight he presented an awkward appearance, but when at his best he was a powerful and convincing reasoner. While his reasoning was not always scientifically correct, he had no trouble in convincing his auditors of the strength of his arguments. He often made strong arguments out of types and figures. He made a thorough study of the Bible and read some of the most profound works of reason and logic of the day. He did a great deal of preaching, mostly at different points in the surrounding territory. He did not do much evangelistic work, and became easily discouraged at adverse circumstances. As an elder he was generally dearly beloved by his congregations, who were sorry to give him up when he was too feeble to attend to his duties. He was a great lover of home and the family. That is perhaps one reason he did not leave home oftener. He was always a strong supporter of the traditions of the church and decisions of the Annual

Conference. The theme of salvation through obedience was always prominent in his mind in preaching, and the church ordinances received his constant attention.

It was sometimes difficult for him to grasp new truths or new theories, yet when once they were mastered he had no difficulty in imparting them to others. In his preaching he liked to talk to a congregation as though he were speaking to an individual or class, which at times caused offense. This was perhaps his greatest fault, but when he was not so well acquainted with a congregation this difficulty did not exist. His advice was, that if a minister did not feel himself master of the situation he had better take his seat, and it is said that in his early ministry he would often do this within ten minutes.

A couple of illustrations will give some idea of his power when at his best. At one time, when in an adjoining church, the resident minister asked him to do the preaching. Awhile afterwards a lady, in conversation with the above-mentioned minister, remarked like this: "When he first arose I wondered what that awkward fellow could do, but before he was through he shook my whole inward being." On another occasion, at an outpost of the home church, a gentleman came up to him after the service and said, "You must have been loaded for bear."

After several years of affliction with shaking palsy he was laid to rest by kind brethren and friends, Aug. 27, 1910. He was a man of strong constitution, and it is supposed that his early affliction was caused by being struck by a train when they were hauling rock for the church-house, in which accident he lost the senses of taste and smell. The funeral was conducted by Elders Abram Wolf and J. M. Follis, and the presence of his former parishioners and neighbors betokened the respect and admiration in which he was held by all.

Willis P. Rodabaugh

Willis P. Rodabaugh was born July 30, 1869, on a farm near Birmingham, Iowa. He was the eldest son of D. E. and Elizabeth Rodabaugh (nee Glotfelly). He attended the public school near his home until 15 years of age, and then attended the Birmingham Academy two winters, and at 17 started to school at Mt. Morris, Ill., where he attended four years, in all remaining at home one year to assist with the farm work, that his brothers might have a better chance to go to school. The last year at Mt. Morris he paid his own way. He graduated from the commercial department in 1887 and the academic department in 1890.

He had two brothers and three sisters, all of whom are now (Jan. 1, 1920) living, namely: Eld. E. G. Rodabaugh, of Norborne, Mo.; M. D. Rodabaugh, of Fairfield, Iowa; Mrs. H. B. Johnston and Mrs. W. C. Hunt, of Batavia, Iowa; and Mrs. Jesse Andes, of South Dakota. He was of a studious disposition but had his share of temper, although he kept it under good control and never caused any trouble in the home or community. He had almost finished reading the Bible through at the age of thirteen. After completing his school course he taught school two winters and worked on the farm during the summer.

Nov. 9, 1893, he was married to Martha Ann Warner, of Monroe County, Iowa. To this union were born seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Five children survive him, namely, Frona B., Bulah A., Leota M., Edwin D., and Alice I., and his wife, with a foster daughter, Mrs. Mary Caldwell.

He departed this life Jan. 9, 1918, at his home near Fredric, Iowa, aged 48 years, 5 months and 9 days. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. S. W. Garber and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near his home.

He spent his life until a few years after his marriage in Jefferson County, Iowa, and then moved to Monroe County, Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He united with the Church of the Brethren at the age of sixteen and was a devoted, loyal member all his days, standing firmly by life and example for the principles of the Gospel as understood and practiced by the Brethren.

He was called to the ministry in September, 1893, in the Libertyville church, and advanced to the second degree in 1898, in the Monroe County church. He was always ready to do his part in the Master's service and was a faithful expounder of the Gospel.

His services and labors for the Libertyville and Monroe County churches and for the Southern District of Iowa, were much appreciated and will be fully known only in eternity. It was said of him that he was always found at church at the appointed times, and never allowed visiting or visitors to keep him from divine services. He was a kind husband and father. He had no enemies. All who knew him loved him.

CHAPTER IV

English River Church

From Its Organization to Feb. 19, 1918

As it is the desire to have a history of the Church of the Brethren in the Southern District of Iowa, I hereby give the following dates and events:

In the year 1854 a party of Brethren and others moved from Allen County, Ohio, seeking a location. About July 1, 1854, they arrived at Mt. Vernon, Linn County, Iowa, and the men (viz., David Brower, minister, Solomon Wine, Daniel Wine, Wm. Harvey, and Jonas Stoner) left their families about two miles north of Mt. Vernon, while they came to spy out the desired place. They were accompanied by Daniel Stoner, Abe Stoner, John Riggle and Solomon Cramer, who had no families at this time.

They were perhaps on this locating trip about six weeks, and while in this community they went on the Lord's Day to the Christian meeting at the home of Moses Hall, about one-half mile east of South English, Iowa. Mr. T. Q. Matthews, the Christian minister, asked if there was a minister among these brethren, and when he was told that Bro. Brower was a preacher, he asked him to preach. Bro. Brower accepted the invitation and preached the first Brethren sermon heard in the neighborhood, so far as known. They bought land near South English and probably landed here with their families about Sept. 1, 1854.

Some families came from other places, and the first love feast was held at the home of Bro. Solomon Wine,

about forty rods west of where the Brethren church now stands, Sept. 22, 1855. Elders Samuel Garber and Christian Long, of Illinois, were present at this feast, and the English River church was organized. The charter members were David Brower and wife, Solomon Wine and wife, Daniel Wine and wife, Peter Wolf and wife, Samuel Flory and wife, William Harvey and wife, Sallie Flory, and a few others by the name of Wolf. These charter members have all crossed the river of death.

Bro. David Brower was ordained to the eldership and placed in charge of the new church the same day of organization, and Samuel Flory and Daniel Wine were called to the deacon's office on that day.

Seven other churches have been organized from the territory originally belonging to this church, North English being the last. This church was organized May 3, 1916. Forty-five of our members comprised this new organization, and our present number is two hundred and five. I am sorry that some of these churches have been disorganized.

Ministers who have served this church, and the time of their labors here:

David Brower, moved here 1854; moved away, 1871; elder after September, 1855.

Jacob Brower, moved here 1855; died Dec. 6, 1900; elder after April, 1854.

Samuel Flory, chosen minister 1858; died July 3, 1914; elder after 1873.

B. F. Flory, chosen minister 1872; moved away 1874.

Andrew Mohler, moved here 1864; joined Progressives 1880.

David Barklow, moved here 1864; moved away 1870.

Wm. Smith, moved here 1871; moved away 1875.

C. M. Brower, chosen minister 1872; died Sept. 13, 1906; ordained elder Oct. 9, 1897.

G. S. Wine, chosen minister 1881; moved away 1891.

S. F. Brower, moved here 1891; moved away 1901.

Peter Brower, chosen minister 1892; died May 9, 1914; ordained elder, Nov. 17, 1903.

H. C. N. Coffman, chosen minister 1894; here at present; ordained elder Nov. 17, 1903.

D. P. Miller, chosen minister 1898; in North English church, after May 3, 1916; ordained elder Nov. 23, 1907.

J. D. Coffman, chosen minister 1900; moved away 1905.

J. D. Brower, chosen minister 1902; here at present; was absent 1906-1913; ordained elder about 1910.

A. W. Miller, chosen minister 1905; in North English church since May 3, 1916.



Elders of the English River Church, Nov. 16, 1923

From left to right: H. C. N. Coffman, J. E. Smith, J. D. Brower, W. D. Grove

H. C. Wenger, chosen minister 1906; moved away 1906.

J. H. Brower, chosen minister 1906; here at present; was absent one year, 1914; ordained elder 1914.

J. C. Seibert, elder, moved here 1906; moved away 1906.

W. D. Grove, chosen minister 1908; here at present; ordained elder Nov. 25, 1916.

Jasper E. Smith, chosen minister 1914; in North English church after May 3, 1916.

G. W. Burgin, elder in Burlington 1912; moved away, 1913.

S. P. Miller, by letter 1914; died Dec. 20, 1917.

W. H. Brower, chosen minister 1916; here at present.

W. H. Long, elder, moved here 1915; in North English church after May 3, 1916.

The following elders have had charge of this church:

David Brower, from 1855 to 1871; Jacob Brower, from 1871 to 1879; Samuel Flory, from 1879 to 1901; C. M. Brower, from 1901 to 1906; Peter Brower and H. C. N. Coffman, from 1906 to 1910; H. C. N. Coffman, from 1910 to 1914; J. D. Brower, from 1914 to 1922; H. C. N. Coffman from 1914 to the present.

Following are the names of the deacons who have served this church:

Samuel Flory, elected 1855; chosen minister 1858.

B. F. Flory, elected 1858; chosen minister 1872.

C. M. Brower, elected 1870; chosen minister 1872.

G. S. Wine, elected 1872; chosen minister 1881.

Peter Brower, elected 1887; chosen minister 1892.

H. C. N. Coffman, elected 1892; chosen minister 1894.

D. P. Miller, moved here 1898; chosen minister 1898.

J. D. Coffman, elected 1896; chosen minister, 1900.

J. D. Brower, elected 1900; chosen minister 1902.

H. C. Wenger, elected 1905; chosen minister 1906.
J. H. Brower, elected 1902; chosen minister, 1906.
W. D. Grove, elected 1902; chosen minister 1908.
W. H. Brower, elected 1914; chosen minister 1916.
Daniel Wine, elected 1855; moved away, 1866.
W. H. Black, elected 1858; died 1900.

J. F. Flory, elected about 1863; joined Thurmanites
1868.

Noah Miller, elected 1866; died 1912.
Daniel Niswander, elected 1866; moved away 1904.
A. M. Flory, elected 1872; moved away 1897.
John Fry, elected 1870; moved away 1880.
L. H. Huff, moved here 1881; moved away 1881.
A. H. Brower, elected 1880; here at present.
S. F. Niswander, elected 1892; moved away 1904.
P. G. Hopwood, moved here 1895; moved away 1907.
J. B. Flory, elected 1896; here at present.
J. W. Borden, elected 1900; here at present.
Charles Miller, elected 1900; moved away 1907.
J. J. Smith, moved here 1902; here at present.
John Wright, moved here 1898; moved away 1898.
Charles Hostetler, moved here 1909; moved away, 1910.
Frank Miller, elected 1905; moved away 1906.
H. W. Coder, elected 1906; here at present.
W. F. East, elected 1907; moved away 1911.
S. A. Miller, elected 1907; in North English church
after May 2, 1916.
F. A. Brown, elected 1908; moved away 1911.
S. M. Flory, elected 1910; here at present.
Otus Coffman, elected 1910; here at present.
Fred Songer, moved here 1911; moved away 1912.
C. E. Flory, moved here 1911; in N. English church
after 1916.

Ed. Smith, moved here 1913; here at present.

G. W. Phouts, by letter 1914; deceased 1921.

Oscar Clements, 1914; deceased 1921.

Meetinghouses

Our Brethren held their meetings in private houses, groves and schoolhouses, until 1865, when the house which is still owned and used by the Brethren was built. It is



Brethren Church Near South English

a frame house, 40x60 feet, and has from time to time been remodeled and repaired, which has kept it in very good preservation.

House No. 2, a frame house, 30x40 feet, was built in North English, Iowa, in 1889, and was turned over to the North English church in 1916.

Communion Meetings

This church has held at least one communion meeting

each year, except one, and for a number of years two have been held each year.

The first four were held at the home of Solomon Wine, or in a shed near by. Then seven were held in barns, and seventy-four have been held in the present house and a number in the North English house.

District Meetings

One State District Meeting was held in the barn of Bro. David Brower, in 1865.

Seven District Meetings have been held in the church as follows: 1871, 1876, 1882, 1889, 1897, 1904, 1911.

Sunday-Schools

The first Sunday-school was organized July 8, 1877. Another Sunday-school was organized May 21, 1893, in the North English house. Both schools met twice each month (during summer only), but both grew, and about 1895 both developed into interesting evergreen schools, and have made steady growth ever since.

Revivals

The first series of meetings was held in this church in the winter of 1875-76, by John Thomas. We have had a series of meetings at this house almost every year since, and also at the other house from the time it was built. Many souls have been gathered into the fold during these meetings.

Social Meetings

There were some social or prayer meetings at the homes of some of the members, but they were not kept up regularly until Oct. 19, 1893, when the first social meeting

was held in the churchhouse. At this time only a few of our members had had any experience in talking in public, but later this developed into a Christian Workers' meeting at both houses, and now many of the members can speak on almost any subject to edification.

Bible Schools

The first Bible school was taught in this church in 1895. Since that time many Bible schools have been taught by able brethren and sisters from abroad, and a few have been conducted by home talent.

Missionary Sentiment

There has been considerable missionary sentiment in this church from an early day. Our first ministers often went to other congregations (which were scattered over these vast prairies) on horseback or otherwise, sometimes being away from home for weeks at a time; besides having appointments in their own District at schoolhouses or other available places, which the ministers and others were punctual in attending. Some of them walked eight or ten miles to meeting, and returned the same way, feeling well paid for the effort put forth.

Later we find our members giving of their means to be used in spreading the Gospel abroad.

Some of our members have gone out and devoted their services in the mission field (for a time at least).

Our Sunday-schools also have come to the rescue and for some years have supported one missionary on the foreign field.

Aid Society

The first Aid Society was organized in September, 1899. Since that time our sisters have done much good in mak-

ing prayer coverings, bonnets and other useful articles, sometimes fitting out those who had just come into the church; also preparing and sending many boxes, barrels, and sacks of clothing and provisions to our missions, orphans' and Old Folks' Homes, and wherever they thought the articles were most needed.

The poor of our community, both in and out of the church, also have been remembered and helped.

Other Points of History

This church has sent a delegate to Annual Meeting every year since the church delegate system was adopted. She has been represented on the District Mission Board consecutively by at least two members ever since 1887. She has had one of her members on the board of trustees of Old Folks' Home ever since its existence began in 1904. She, too, has been well represented on Child Rescue and Temperance Committees, Ministerial Board, and Trustee of Mt. Morris College.

Ministers: J. E. Smith, received by letter in 1919; W. H. Brower, lettered out Aug. 23, 1919; J. H. Brower, deceased, Feb. 13, 1920.

Deacons: C. E. Flory, received by letter Aug. 23, 1919; Earl Grove, by letter Jan. 9, 1921; I. N. Weaver, chosen Feb. 26, 1921; W. P. Senger, chosen Feb. 26, 1921; Edwin Smith, lettered out about Dec. 15, 1919.

A. H. Brower.

Jacob Henry Brower

Jacob Henry Brower, eldest child of Eld. and Mrs. Peter Brower, was born near South English, Iowa, Jan.

23, 1879, and died at the place of his birth, of influenza, Feb. 13, 1920, aged 41 years and 20 days.

His boyhood days were spent on the farm, assisting his parents, and attending the country school. Later he entered the South English High School. During 1908-09 he, with his family, spent the year at Mount Morris College, Mount Morris, Ill. His thirst for knowledge did not close with his school days, for he was ever interested in educational activities, spoke of his education as incomplete, and his future plans to finish his college course. His studious habits went out with him in life, to which fact the well-chosen library of books and magazines, that he gathered about him, will testify.

He was united in marriage to Lottie V. Keiser, Dec. 25, 1901. His wife survived him only fifty-three hours. To them were born three daughters, Alma Fern, Edna May and Esther Eilene. Besides these sorrowing members of his immediate family, he leaves a devoted mother, three brothers and one sister, near South English, Iowa, one sister in Mount Morris College, one brother at Louisville, Ky., and many other relatives and friends.

Having accepted Christ as his Savior, he united with the Church of the Brethren in February, 1891. He was chosen to the ministry Nov. 24, 1906, and ordained to the eldership Oct. 25, 1914. Always serving in offices of the church, often appointed to committees or selected as dele-



Jacob Henry Brower

gate to Annual or District Meetings, he was ever active and enthusiastic.

Bro. Brower's interest in mission work led him to take up work of this nature at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in the spring of 1914. Climatic conditions were not favorable, and he returned to the farm at the end of the year. His ultimate aim, however, was the giving of his talents toward the spreading of the Gospel. In pursuance of this aim, he devoted much of his time to evangelistic work in Iowa. Time and money were on the altar. As a minister of the Word, his services were often in demand, up almost to the time of his death. Even in the hours of delirium, his lips still preached Christ to a lost world.

His short but severe sickness was borne with patience. As his wife and two children were sick, many of the cares and responsibilities were borne by his mother and eldest daughter. During his sickness it was very evident, by his talk, that he wanted to live, so that he might work for the Master and care for his family. But God willed otherwise.

Bro. Brower is greatly missed in the home, the church and the community. He was not only a loving husband and kind father, but he was a real companion and associate in the social interests of the family circle and community. Although he was older in years, yet he always enjoyed wholesome entertainment and often accompanied his girls in such activities.

In the very prime of life he slipped away—just why we can not understand. Our Father knows.

Feb. 15, 1920, he was quietly laid to rest in the Brethren cemetery, where his father had been laid almost six years prior to this time.

Lottie Virginia Brower

Lottie Virginia Keiser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Keiser, born at Roanoke, Ill., March 18, 1881, died of influenza and other complications, Feb. 15, 1920, aged 38 years, 10 months and 28 days. Interment, Feb. 18, 1920.

She was united in marriage to Jacob Henry Brower, Dec. 25, 1901. To this union were born three daughters, Alma Fern, Edna May and Esther Eilene, who have been called to mourn the loss of both father and mother within less than three days. Besides these daughters she is mourned by her father, mother, three brothers and two sisters, living in the vicinity of South English, Iowa, and many other relatives and friends, who will greatly miss her presence. Having accepted Christ as her Savior, she united with the Church of the Brethren, Oct. 7, 1899. A loving wife and mother, a true friend, and a kind neighbor, she lived a consistent Christian life. As opportunity offered, she accompanied her husband in his evangelistic work, but more often remained with her children, faithfully performing the maternal duties, necessary to the real home which was established.

Like her husband, Sister Brower desired a speedy recovery for the service that she felt she could render to her family. Especially did she express her desire to live for the sake of her fatherless girls.

Other complications setting in, combined with the shock of her husband's death, were too much for her weakened body. Peacefully, though very suddenly, her spirit took its flight into the great beyond whence none return. But, "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, . . . for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign forever and ever."

Mt. Morris, Ill.

Elva E. Brower.

Eld. S. F. Brower

Samuel F. Brower was born in Keokuk County, Iowa, Feb. 13, 1863. Being the youngest in a family with several boys, he was permitted to spend considerable time in the schools of the day, and was not necessarily disciplined

to hard work in childhood as were the older ones. He was well tutored in the faith of the Church of the Brethren, his father being Eld. Jacob Brower, for several years overseer of the English River congregation, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this book. He was baptized in the English River congregation Jan. 27, 1884.

He moved to Sidney, Nebr., in

February, 1886, and became a charter member of the Grand Prairie church, which was organized in June of the same year.

Dec. 23, 1886, he was married to Miss Jennie S. Thomas, of Washington County, Iowa. To his wife he



Elder S. F. Brower and Family

gave much credit for his success in the ministry, calling her his Bible encyclopedia. He was elected to the ministry in the Grand Prairie church March 30, 1889, and two years later returned to the English River church, Iowa. He was advanced to the second degree Dec. 24, 1892. While at this place he helped care for his aged father, who was almost helpless for several years. In February, 1901, he located in the South Keokuk church, where he remained over four years, and after the death of Eld. John Gable he was the foreman of that congregation until he moved away. He moved to Nampa, Idaho, in October, 1905, doing considerable church work at that place, and was there ordained Sept. 26, 1908. He passed to his reward May 9, 1913.

He often felt as though he would like to do more church work, but on account of his own and his wife's health he had to turn down many calls. He was a member of the Mission Board of Southern Iowa for some years, and one winter he was chosen to visit the churches in the interest of missions, taking collections and looking up the isolated. He was a member of the building committee when the Ottumwa church was built. He was never very strong physically, but this could not be readily discerned in his preaching. His strong voice and manner of delivery made him a favorite preacher and oftentimes he was requested to preach in preference to several ministers that were present. His dignified manner was not so pleasing to some, and his bold assertions and expressive gestures were stronger arguments than his sound logic. He was the father of one boy and one girl, who are living with their mother in Idaho. He passed to his reward May 9, 1913.

Eld. Peter Brower

Eld. Peter Brower was born in Augusta County, Va.,

Jan. 15, 1851, in an humble, but very religious home. He had a line of religious ancestors. In the fall of 1855 when in his fifth year he moved with his parents to Keokuk



Elder Peter Brower and Wife

County, Iowa, locating near South English, after which he always lived within two miles of South English, in the English River congregation, which was organized only a few weeks before this family landed at this place.

He attended the District School at South English, but school privileges were very meager in that day. As markets were far away, much time was consumed in marketing grain, and working in the timber preparing material for buildings, fences, etc., consequently after he was large enough to work he did not get over two or three months of schooling a year. That was far short of the present-day schools, but by perseverance he obtained a moderate education. Under such conditions he grew to manhood, but he early formed a habit of much reading. Often while a young man he would carry his dinner with him, and if there chanced to be a newspaper about he would read the

paper while he ate his dinner. He also obtained a number of good books which he read, and made a study of the Bible while yet a nonprofessor, keeping up this practice during his entire lifetime. Often he remarked, "I read about everything that comes to the house."

Jan. 10, 1878, he was married to Sister Sarah E. Stoner, and the spring of the same year he united with the Church of the Brethren, of which his wife was a member some time before marriage. She stood by him all the succeeding years, helping him in his many duties. He at once began active church work at home, writing for the press, teaching in the Sunday-school, etc. Some of his writings for the *Gospel Messenger* came out just about the time of his death. He was called to the deacon's office Oct. 22, 1887, and labored faithfully in that office until Sept. 3, 1892, when the church saw fit to call him to the ministry. Therein he labored faithfully until death, preaching his last sermon just twenty days before the spirit took its flight. He was advanced in the ministry Nov. 24, 1894, and was ordained Nov. 17, 1903.

He served as *Messenger* agent and church correspondent, and Sunday-school superintendent and teacher, also as church delegate at Annual Meeting and District Meeting, and on Standing Committee, as well as on many other committees. He had charge of five different churches as elder at some time, three of which he had at the time of his death.

He served on the District Mission Board for many years, being on the board at the time of his death. He also was on Child Rescue and Temperance committees, and trustee of Mount Morris College at the time of his death. He served his District as moderator a number of times, and also as clerk. In his early years he followed farming, but

for some years he had left that mostly to the younger folks, turning his attention more to spiritual work. He reared a family of seven children, all of whom except one have united with the Church of the Brethren, and are following the wise counsel of a father. One son is in the ministry.

He was chosen as District evangelist in his early ministry. For some time he labored much in the District, which, as he had an excellent memory, gave him an acquaintance which few possess. He was ever ready to help the needy, both in this world's goods and with spiritual food or advice. He always labored hard for that which he believed to be right. He did much in the way of baptizing, preaching funerals, and solemnizing marriages. I can call to mind at least one time when he had two funerals in one day; at another time the funeral of husband and wife at the same hour, and at least three times he officiated at double weddings. One aged elder said, "I had asked him to preach my funeral," and one little girl, in her 8th year, said, "I wanted him to baptize me." Both services have since been done by others, for his work on earth was finished.

Only a few months ago I asked him to write the biographies of the elders who had lived in this congregation and have passed over the river, and he willingly consented to do so. When he brought the manuscript to me, less than six weeks ago, I did not think that I so soon would be writing his biography. But when it seemed we needed him so much, God said, "Come up higher." His illness was caused by internal cancer, and was of short duration, yet he had sufficient warning. He sent for the elders and was anointed according to James 5: 14, and made other necessary arrangements. He was perfectly submissive to the will of his Master. Thus, on the morning of May 9, 1914,

when a little more than 63 years old, he peacefully passed away in the presence of his devoted wife and seven children and most of their families, one brother, one brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, and a number of others.

His funeral, largely attended, was conducted May 12, by Eld. H. C. N. Coffman and Bro. W. D. Grove in the house where he had so often worshiped, and where the different parts of official work had been placed upon him. Thus, with much sorrowing, his body was laid to rest near those gone before, to await the resurrection of the just.

Happy the day when life begun,
Happy the goal at set of sun;
For the Master has bade him come,
For he had all his work well done.

Yet much is left for us to do.
Oh, let us to our God be true;
For he has said he would endue
Us with power if we are true.

A. H. Brower.

South English, Iowa.

Eld. C. M. Brower

Eld. C. M. Brower was born in Augusta County, Va., Oct. 9, 1844, in an humble religious country home, with a line of religious ancestors. While we have the "country church problem" confronting us now, we see, and must admit, that most of our strong men came from the country. He grew like other boys, with nothing special to mark his future destiny, attending public schools at Colie Town and perhaps Liberty, in Virginia. In the fall of 1855, with his parents, he moved to near South English, Iowa, in the English River congregation, where he con-

tinued his school work, as opportunity afforded in the schools at South English. As the country was new in that day, and the soil unbroken, with just here and there a small log cabin, the opportunities were very meager to obtain an education, compared with what our children now have. Under such conditions he grew to manhood, with a strong personality, and with high aspirations and a desire to do good in the world.

Feb. 6, 1868, he was married to Lizzie C. Flory, who proved a great help to him in his future work for the

church. Always willing to bear her share of the burden, she was a true mother at home and in the church. The year after marriage they united with the English River congregation of the Church of the Brethren. One year later the above church called him to the office of deacon, and two years later he was elected to the ministry, in which he labored zealously to the end. His faithful companion was called to her reward Oct. 7, 1896, when she seemed to be most needed, to stand by her companion. But God in his great wisdom and power came and touched her, taking her up higher, to enjoy the fruition of her labors. Bro. Brower was again married, this time to Sister Susan Newland, March 23, 1899. She survives him.

The subject of this sketch was ordained to the full ministry in 1897 and was placed elder in charge of the



Elder C. M. Brower

English River congregation in 1901. His usefulness became more manifest as time passed, and his work enlarged. This was true not only in the home field, where he was zealous and showed much concern for the flock over which the Holy Ghost had made him overseer, but it reached out more and more along the different lines of mission work. His field broadened, as he had the oversight of four different congregations at the time of his death. He traveled much in the cause he so dearly loved, held a number of series of meetings, and attended most of our Annual Meetings, serving his District a number of times on Standing Committee. We call great those who have accomplished notable deeds in a worldly way; but the men and women who have stood against sin and the adversary of our souls, have been a benediction to humanity, and have come out victorious, are truly great from every angle.

Bro. Brower reared a family of eight children, all of whom followed in his footsteps, and entered into the church. They are still serving their Master. One son and two sons-in-law are in the ministry. At a time when it seemed we needed him most the Master needed him more. God, who is no Respecter of persons, touched him and said, "It is enough; come up higher," while he was sitting in his chair in his home, surrounded with friends, God having previously given him warning, by failing health. Thus, on Sept. 13, 1906, his spirit quietly took its flight. He was aged a little less than 62 years.

His funeral, largely attended, was held Sept. 15, in the same house where he had so often worshiped. It was conducted by Elders John Siebert, C. E. Wolf, and H. C. N. Coffman, and with much sorrowing his body was laid to rest, by the side of those gone before.

The following lines were composed by a sister in his home church:

A form we all well knew,
A face we loved most dear,
Has passed beyond our view,
His place is vacant here.

We thought we needed him,
But the Master needed more,
So, tho' our eyes with tears are dim,
And our hearts are sad and sore,

We'll try to smile through tears,
And say, "Dear Lord, 'tis well,"
We'll cast our doubts and fears,
And hope we too may dwell

With Christ in the courts above,
Where our brother's gone before,
To meet the others that we love,
Who left us in the days of yore.

He was sitting calmly in his chair,
When the Master came and touched him,
And said, with his smile so rare,
"Come," and then his eyes grew dim.

We weep not as those who hope not,
For we know our elder brother, friend,
Has changed this life for a better lot—
Has reached his journey's end.

Peter Brower.

South English, Iowa.

Eld. Samuel Flory

Eld. Samuel Flory was born in Augusta County, Va., Sept. 10, 1826. Although his was an humble country home, and the family large, it was a Christian home, where he was early taught the ways of piety and a reverence for God and his people with their earnest devotions. He grew to manhood as do many other boys, but a boy is a group of undeveloped possibilities. His education was limited.

He attended the crossroads school some in the winter when he could, assisting on the farm in the summer. Those

were not days, more especially in his native country, of rapid, progressive work, such as we now see, when farming is done largely by machinery, but when the labor required strength and brawn. After reaching his majority, and hearing of the possibilities of the then far-western plains, he started out to investigate for himself. As railroads were scarce and far between, he, with others, traveled much on foot. Seeing

that the reports he had heard in the East were not unfounded, he resolved some day to make his home in the West.

In August, 1851, he was married to Mary Brower, of the same county where he lived. She proved a great help to him in his earlier ministerial duties. As the vast plains attracted our people, others came from Virginia and Ohio, and he, with his then little family, moved here in 1854, to Keokuk County. Soon it was apparent that an organization should be effected, which was done the following year, in the presence of Elders Christian Long and Samuel Garber, from Illinois, at which meeting Bro.



Eld. Samuel Flory

David Brower was ordained to the full ministry, and the subject of this sketch to the deacon's office. Both were charter members of what is now known as the English River congregation. In 1858 he was chosen to the ministry in the above congregation, in which he labored faithfully during his long and useful life.

While on a visit to his native State, his beloved companion, who had stood with him so faithfully, both in the home and his church work, was suddenly called to her reward. In 1873 he was married to Sister Bettie Perry, of Virginia, who was a true mother in Israel, always faithful in the church and the home, making a true home for the pilgrim as he sojourned among us. Some time previous he had been advanced in the ministry, and in this year he was ordained to the full ministry and placed in charge of the English River church in 1879. Under his care the church grew and increased rapidly. While he was strong in carrying out the distinctive principles of the church, he was progressive, and favored Sunday-schools and series of meetings, and some very successful meetings were held during his care. Eld. Flory was very faithful in his ministerial duties. If he had an appointment you could expect him there, if it was possible to get there. He was truly great in his wise administration, and in his executive ability he was sociable and kind, yet firm, so that he was known over the country as "Uncle Sammy." While his main work was centered in his home congregation, his efforts broadened out over the District, and even to other States. He served his District a number of times on Standing Committee, as well as on other committees of various kinds. He truly was a father to those who followed him in official capacities, as the writer can well testify, always giving his collaborators a word of encouragement. He raised several daughters, and one son who is a faithful deacon

in the same church. In 1901, feeling the weight of the work, and age coming upon him, he resigned his care of the church as elder in charge, having it placed on a younger head, but he was ever ready to give good and wise counsel. His second companion was called to her reward several years previous to this time, but he is still spared with us and gives wise counsel, and worships with us, when the weather is fair, but is only waiting, as a shock fully ripe, to be gathered into the Master's garner, this March 27, 1914.

Peter Brower.

South English, Iowa.

Conclusion of Biography of Eld. Samuel Flory

Eld. Flory preached his final sermon April 5, 1914. He opened meeting June 7, 1914, and attended meeting last June 14, 1914. Although it rained, and many who were younger did not go, Uncle Samuel was there, but on Friday, the 19th, he took sick with his final illness. He was again anointed, according to the Holy Scripture, and looked forward with a strong eye of faith, only waiting for the change. God took him home at the ripe age of almost 88 years, July 3, 1914, just as the sun was lowering in the west. Many said, "If ever any one was ready to go Uncle Sam was."

July 5, 1914, in the same house where he had so often admonished us who are living, as well as many who preceded him to the spirit world, his funeral was held, conducted by Brethren D. P. Miller and W. D. Grove, assisted by A. W. Miller and S. I. Bowman. In the presence of a great number of sorrowing relatives and friends, his body was laid to rest in the cemetery near by, to await the resurrection of the just, but his works still live.

South English, Iowa.

A. H. Brower.

Eld. Jacob Brower

Eld. Jacob Brower was born in an humble country home in Augusta County, Va., on the 10th of September, 1817. He was the eldest of a family of six children of Christian Brower and Susanah (Wine) Brower. His mother was called home when he was in his 14th year.

School facilities at that time were not the best, compared to our modern conveniences, but he improved the opportunities well, and received his education in a log schoolhouse, with slab benches for seats. As one of the main studies in that day was the Bible he early gained and manifested a deep insight in the Sacred Oracles, which was characteristic throughout his entire long and useful life.

He had such a strong anxiety for education that he obtained some books and took up some of those branches which he did not have in school.

After his school days were over, in company with two other young men and two older men, he made a trip to Ohio on horseback, about 1838 or 1839, when much of that country was yet covered with timber. This trip was made at least partly to see the country. I think one of the older men was a minister and did preaching whenever there was an opportunity.

He was never physically strong, and during these years some said he would not live long, but this was only one of the many times when humanity did not know.

May 24, 1842, he was married to Anna Miller, of Rockingham County, of the same State, who proved herself a true helpmeet to him in his later labors in the ministry. It was not then customary for people to unite with the church until they were married and settled down in life. So, soon after marriage, he and his faithful companion

united with God's people, and were baptized into the Church of the Brethren in the same county where he was born. It was soon manifest that the young man would be useful in the ministry. No doubt he would have been elected sooner, had it not been the custom not to elect to the ministry until middle life, but in 1847, when he was thirty years old, at the age when Christ entered upon active service, as well as the priests, he was chosen to the ministry. He soon became active and powerful in that office, more especially along expository lines, preaching to edification, with great faithfulness in attending services, going the then usual way, horseback, often with his companion, each taking one or two children.

The church soon saw fit to advance him to the second degree in the ministry, and in 1854 he was ordained to the full ministry in the same congregation where he united with the church.

He had a desire for some years to move west, believing that his efforts might be more fruitful, both spiritually and temporally. Accordingly, in the fall of 1855, with his companion and six children, he made the long trip by private conveyance from his native State to Keokuk County, Iowa, where they united in membership with the little nucleus of members known as the English River congregation. This, then far West, was a vast expanse of prairie, with few inhabitants, but the early settlers soon found the soil very productive, yielding readily to the faithful husbandman, and settlers came. The desert began to blossom as the rose, and calls came for preaching, from far and near. As the means of travel were slow and tiresome, compared with what we now enjoy, he used much of his time traveling over the State, as well as other States, doing church work and building up the cause he loved so

well. Mission work then meant work, indeed; it meant exposure, with long and tedious journeys. Sometimes he would be gone for weeks at a time, doing church work, his faithful companion at home looking after domestic affairs.

It was not uncommon for a man to come twenty or thirty miles to get Bro. Brower to preach a funeral, and he would saddle his horse and go with him. Sometimes the caller would arrive about the midnight hour, and very early in the morning the two would start on their journey.

He had the oversight of a number of churches during his time. In 1871 he was chosen as presiding elder of the English River congregation, which position he held until 1879, and during his administration the churches prospered and grew in numbers as well as in spiritual strength.

It was not then, as it is now, that people had papers and books to read, but what books he did have were along religious lines. More especially was the Good Bible his constant companion. In it did he meditate much of his time.

I do not remember ever seeing him with sermon notes, but frequently he would say, "Brethren, read some Scripture," and then one of us would open the Book and read. He would begin at the same Scripture and give us a good sermon, and to this day we hear people say, "We never heard others preach as he preached."

He reared a family of eight children, all growing to manhood and womanhood. He lived to see all of them and their companions in the church of his choice, all his sons and his sons-in-law, save one, in the official body; also some of his grandchildren. Three of his sons (all elders) have crossed the river of death ere this.

While his work was mostly in the English language,

he also preached some sermons in German, when it seemed best to do so. He did not live in the day of Sunday-schools and series of meetings and opportunities such as we now have, but in his later life he did some work in Sunday-school, and held a few short series of meetings.

He served his District on Standing Committee at Annual Meeting a number of times, likewise acting as moderator at our District Meetings.

His companion having passed over a few years previously, he, after much suffering, quietly passed to his reward at his home Dec. 6, 1900, at the ripe age of 83 years, 2 months and 26 days. As the wheat is gathered into the garner, so the Lord gathers his own to himself in due time, and their works do follow them.

His funeral was held in the old churchhouse, east of South English (which still stands as a living monument for the work of the pioneer members), conducted by Elders John Gable and H. C. N. Coffman, after which his body was laid to rest in the cemetery near by, to await the resurrection of the just. Peace be to his ashes!

I am indebted to Eld. Peter Brower, deceased, for preparing much of this sketch during his lifetime.

A. H. Brower.

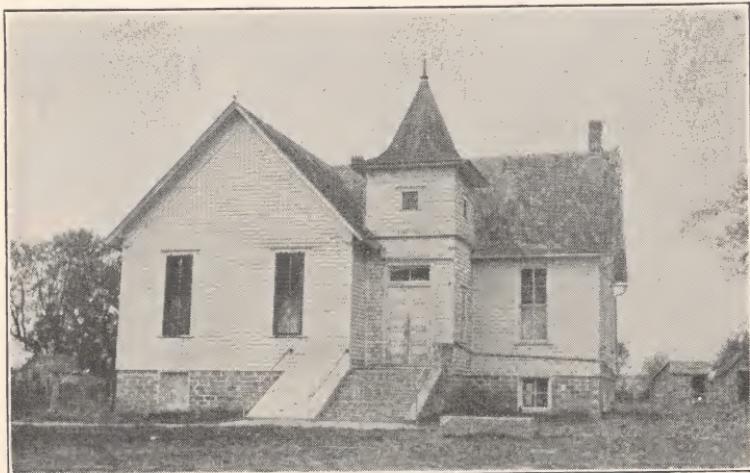
South English, Iowa.

CHAPTER V

Mt. Etna Church

The Mt. Etna church is located in the town of Mt. Etna, Adams County, Iowa, twelve miles north of Corning, the county seat.

In 1855 there were two families of members known to have moved from Jefferson County to Adams County, Iowa. They were John Morton's and Jacob Harader's. Others may have located at this point the same year or sooner. In the fall of 1856 Bro. Christian Harader, a min-



Mt. Etna Church

ister, arrived from Preston County, W. Va. Other members moved in, so that in that or the following year they had their first love feast, which was held in Bro. John Morton's new barn, north of the old mill. Besides the members already mentioned the following families were among the

earliest settlers: Feece's, Mansfield's, Davis', Peterson's, Powell's, Prickett's, Torney's and perhaps others.

At this point the brethren felt that the cause could be better advanced by organizing, and so, after calling to their assistance Eld. Francis Myers, of Monroe County, they were organized into a working body in the spring of 1857. Bro. Howard Miller, in his "Record of the Faithful," gives the number at organization as fifty, while others put it at twenty-five or thirty. We are not able to tell who was elder in charge for the first few years, but Bro. Harader was in active charge for several years. They fairly held their own until 1865, when a series of meetings was held by Bro. J. H. Fillmore and others and about thirty members were added to the church by baptism and the church was strengthened. About 1865 an election was held for ministers and deacons. As a result, Daniel and Ammi Harader were installed as ministers and J. M. Mansfield and A. D. Thomas as deacons.

Up to this time the regular services had been held in schoolhouses. A house of worship was built in 1868. It was 32x40 feet, and built mostly of native lumber. The shingles were hauled about eighty or one hundred miles on wagons. For several years the membership of the church ranged from seventy-five to one hundred and the church was fairly prosperous. About 1871 Eld. Chris. Harader moved to Missouri, leaving the church in charge of Bro. Ammi Harader as pastor. Some of the ministers serving this church, besides those already mentioned, are as follows:

John Morton, who preached little or none at all; Edward Prickett, Isaiah Feece, Jacob Feece, David Markley, Wm. Davis, Benjamin Wray, Byron Sprague, Philip Thomas.

When Bro. C. Harader left several members went with him, which caused a lull in its work, as they were without a resident elder. In the spring of 1879 Bro. David Sink moved into the congregation. The church saw fit to ordain him to the full ministry in a short time, and the church prospered under his care until his death, May 7, 1885. The church was again without a resident elder, and Brethren Kob, Barto, and M. Myers served as nonresident elders in succession until 1893, when Bro. John P. Bailey moved into the congregation and was given the oversight.

We cannot refrain from mentioning the fact that two deacon brethren, D. F. Kingery and —— Peterson, were pillars in the church. Had it not been for them the church would have disappeared from the neighborhood. Bro. Kingery is still living, and has witnessed many of the ups and downs of the little band. Under the care of Eld. Bailey the church prospered well for a while, and several were added to their number through their yearly series of meetings.

In this time the following ministers were installed into office: About 1878, Bro. J. M. Mansfield was selected, and preached much through his daily life. In 1879 Bro. D. G. Couser accepted the call and is now at Lincoln, Nebr. J. M. Follis was installed in 1885. An election was held about 1893 or 1894, which resulted in three brethren being set apart for the work—D. F. Sink, J. M. Bailey, and A. P. Simpson. J. M. Bailey was soon afterward killed by lightning. From about 1908 to the present time the church has suffered generally a period of depression. Some moved away, some were called higher, and some left the church fellowship. Not the least factor in this result was that the above-mentioned Bro. Simpson, being a minister of great force and ability, but having filthy lucre and worldly honor

more than the cause of the church and detesting authority, he troubled the church until he moved away and also had left the church. Bro. Bailey moved away in 1906 and I think Bro. J. D. Brower was called and acted as pastor for the next two years, in which time a new church building was erected. The old house being quite dilapidated, the members concluded to erect a new one, which was done in 1907 and dedicated at the time of the District Meeting at that place in the fall of the same year.

When Bro. Brower left them they were again without any resident elder or minister for several years. Bro. Fol-lis acted as elder for two years, when Bro. A. L. Sears was chosen and served until the fall of 1916, when a request was sent to District Meeting to have a pastor located among them. The District Meeting put the matter into the hands of the missionary and ministerial committees to do as they would see best. The result was that a series of meetings was held in November by Bro. J. F. Swallow, of Franklin County, resulting in ten or eleven additions by baptism, and Bro. S. L. Cover was located there for one year. They had dwindled down to fewer than one-half dozen active families of members, but the prospects seem to be much better at the present time.

Maple Grove Church

Because the history of this church is closely connected with that of the Mt. Etna church it is appended to the same. There was never a house of worship built in this congregation but the main membership was located in Douglas Township in the northeast corner of Montgomery County. The first family of members was Bro. Silas Morton and wife, and the first preaching was done by Bro. Christian Harader in 1868 or 1869, in Bro. Morton's house.

About 1870 a series of meetings was held by Bro. J. H. Fillmore in the Bean schoolhouse.

Soon after this Eld. Levi Workman, of Indiana, held a series at the same place. About this time Bro. Workman's sons, N. C. and David, moved there and from that time they had regular preaching, the cause of the Master began to prosper and precious souls were born into the kingdom. Other members moved in from Illinois, Virginia, and Waterloo, Iowa. They had union Sunday-schools at the different preaching points, one at the Bean schoolhouse, the other at the Robertson schoolhouse. Besides these they had a preaching point about halfway between here and the Mt. Etna church, called Sixteen. At this time the church belonged to the Mt. Etna congregation, and during this time Bro. Silas Morton and Bro. Daniel McDaniel were called to the ministry. Bro. Daniel tried once to preach but was so discouraged with his efforts that he never tried again. Bro. Morton perhaps never made an effort at preaching, but was a very fine brother. A number were baptized at Sixteen, among whom were Bro. Byron C. Sprague, who was afterwards called to the ministry.

About 1876 N. C. Workman was chosen to the eldership. After the vote was taken and the choice had fallen on him, he could not be found, so a searching party was sent and he was located in Bro. Abe Thomas' hay barn. He would not go, so the council was dismissed. He was ordained that evening before preaching.

January, 1877, Bro. J. H. Fillmore was called back for a second series of meetings, when a number were baptized and a brother, Geo. W. Workman, who had moved from Indiana, was reinstated into the ministry. Soon after this the Maple Grove church was organized and three deacons were chosen; namely, Samuel Plaugher, Joshua

Jarboe and Christian Stiayer. In February, 1777, J. W. Jarboe and Levi Shafer were called to the ministry, and Bro. H. M. Blue to the deacon's office. In the summer of 1878 a colony was organized here and called the Maple Grove colony. Eld. N. C. Workman, G. W. Workman, Levi Shafer and Columbus Plowman were chosen a locating committee. They selected the northwestern part of Norton County, Kans., for their new home, and in the spring of 1879-1880 practically all of the original members moved to Kansas, taking the name of the organization with them. It was during the spring of 1880 that Bro. Isaac Barto moved there, but the church never prospered, and according to last report only one family was left.

Eld. John P. Bailey

The subject of this sketch was born in Darke County, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1829. His ancestral religion was Primitive Baptist. On account of Roman Catholic persecution his early education was limited to three weeks in school, his being the only Protestant family in the District, and other schools being too far distant.

He was married to Martha Frye April 5, 1855, and moved the following year from Ohio to Woodford County, Ill., where he was baptized into the Church of the Brethren by Bro. James R. Gish in 1861. He was elected to the deacon's office at the same place the following year.

From here he moved to Champaign County, Ill., where he was elected to the ministry in the Urbana church, Oct. 12, 1874. He moved to Bolivar, Polk County, Mo., in 1889, and was there ordained to the eldership May 19, 1892. He labored here until the spring of 1893, when he moved to Mt. Etna, Iowa. Here he labored for the following thirteen years, being elder of this church a great part

of the time. He also assisted in organizing the Salem church, being their bishop for some time. He was also chosen as elder for the Irish Grove church, afterwards known as the Osceola congregation.

While he lived here he attended most of the District Meetings, was chosen some on committee work, and did considerable mission work. He preached considerably at Essex and New Market, where he lived a short time.

He was a rather rapid and forcible speaker, with very little variation in his gestures and tone of voice. His favorite position was standing with one hand clasped around the other. While he was not as attractive a speaker as some, his zeal for the work and his simple life in connection with his ministry told much for good.

From New Market, Iowa, Bro. Bailey moved to Bolivar, Mo., where, according to last accounts, he was still living with the wife of his youth. Although he was nearly 86 years old, he still preached each Sunday, traveling three miles each alternate Sunday to reach his appointment. His aged wife accompanied him whenever conditions and health permitted.

Later: John P. Bailey died in 1920, at the ripe age of 90 years, having served three times on the Standing Committee.

Eld. Christian Harader

Christian Harader was born in Preston County, W. Va., Aug. 26, 1825. His father was not a professor of religion, but his mother was a true Christian and mother. He often asserted that he owed his honor to the good example of his mother. He undoubtedly had better school privileges than many youth in that early period, as we find that he taught school for some time before his marriage.

He was married to Mary Ann Cupp in 1845. To this union were born three sons and six daughters, one son and one daughter dying in infancy. The two living sons are in the ministry, one, Daniel, a minister in the Progressive Church. The companion of his youth having died, he was again joined in marriage, June 1, 1868, to Sarah Lewis, of Jefferson County, Iowa. She is still living at this writing.

After his first marriage he purchased a mill at Clifton Mills, Va., and continued to operate it until his emigration to Iowa. While residing in Iowa he became the owner of two mills, in which he combined sawing and building with that of his grist mills. He proved a successful financier and always gave liberally to charity and church needs. As a proof of this, not many years before his death he turned \$50,000 over to the endowment fund of the Mission Board of the Church of the Brethren for the propagation of the Gospel.

In his youth Bro. Harader was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but after marriage, following the stronger light and greater knowledge, he cast his lot with the Church of the Brethren, in which he was called to the ministry about 1847, he being elected and installed on the same day with Bro. P. J. Brown, afterward a prominent elder in Ohio.

In the fall of 1856 he and his family emigrated to Adams County, Iowa, where he and his wife became charter members of the Mt. Etna church. Here he was soon ordained to the full ministry, where he labored with considerable success until shortly after 1871, when he moved to Newtonia, Mo., and later to Cowley County, Kans., where he died in 1905, aged 79 years, 11 months and 23 days. All of his own children were once members of the church. Bro Harader was a close Bible student. He

studied his Bible, and that was mostly his preaching. He always had a great interest in the young people, in training them to sing. He was a sweet singer, and it seemed he had a good influence. As he at that time was the principal minister in the Western end of the District, he certainly had a large field to work and was much away from home, preaching the Gospel. Bro. J. W. Jarboe, of Kansas, says thus of him: "I considered Bro. Harader a deep man in the Scriptures. While he always seemed rather timid, never trying to push himself ahead, yet he spoke with the demonstration of the Spirit, was always a good entertainer, and I enjoyed listening to him."

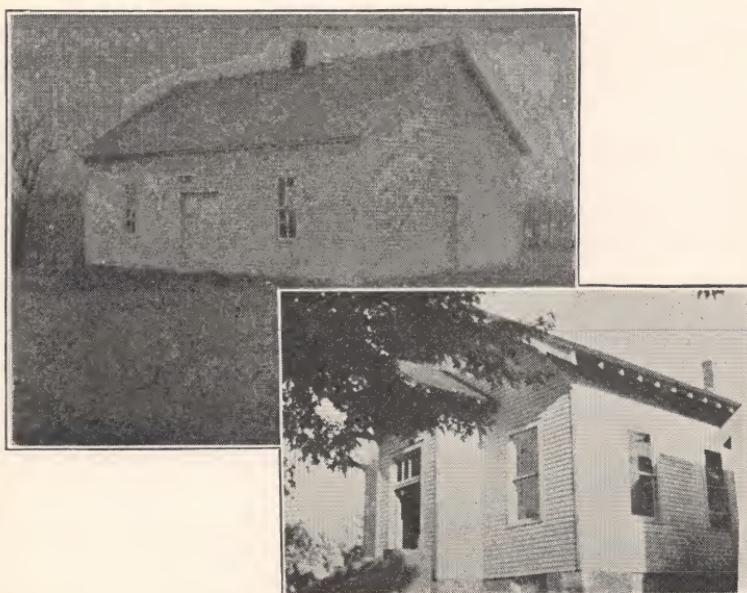
These few lines relate some of the incidents in the life of a busy man and leader in the church. While, according to physical appearance, he was as the prophet spoke of the Savior, "There was no beauty in him that we should desire him," yet his beauty was in his consistent character. I cannot close this account without giving in her own words a few thoughts sent by his daughter, Sister Kate Johnson, to whom we are indebted for nearly all of this biography:

"My father once went with the Progressives. He was correspondent for the *Brethren Evangelist* while in that church, but in two years he was again reconciled to the Conservatives and died in full faith. He kept up the family altar, no difference how urgent his work was, and I must say he had the most saintly companion. Father was always kind to everybody. He was a man that had very little to say in general conversation, but he did not lack for talk in the pulpit, or on religion. I often feel sorry when I think back to know that he had many sorrows and cares and how often have I seen tears rolling down his cheeks when pleading with unruly church members. Oh, may the good Lord bless the ministers and the work!"

CHAPTER VI

The Franklin Church

This church is located in section 14 of Center Township, Decatur County, Iowa. It was organized in the fall of 1858 at the home of Bro. Christian Heaston. Eld. Abraham Replogle was present and installed three breth-



Old and New, Franklin Congregation

ren into the ministry; namely, Brethren Wm. Stout, Samuel Garber, and Harvey Spurlock. Bro. Spurlock soon moved away. Among the charter members may be found

the names of Garber, Huff, Hendricks, Heaston, Harshbarger, Ownsby, Payton, Stout, Spurlock, Chandler, Pace, Guyer and Sears (of whom Eld. A. L. Sears is a descendant).

The exact number of members at organization is not known—perhaps about twenty-five. In about the year 1859 or 1860 there were eighteen added to the church, including Bro. L. M. Kob and wife. He was chosen to the ministry in three or four years.

The first communion meeting was held at the home of Bro. James Ownsby, in Decatur City.

After the organization was completed, there being no house of worship built until 1874 the preaching services were held in schoolhouses once a month or oftener, and social or prayer meetings were held at private houses. By the untiring efforts of the above-named three ministers the Gospel of simplicity was being preached in all parts of the county and surrounding community. The work being ably seconded by the lay membership, it grew and prospered to such an extent that at one time the membership reached about 170. They were, however, much scattered, some residing in Lucas and Wayne Counties.

In the early eighties the church began to decline, and Bro. Samuel Garber expressed himself as deplored the lack of unity and consecration in the members of the congregation. Just how the sentiment of division originated and what progress it made we are unable to say, but we find that the promoters of division were given opportunity to get in their work.

In 1892 S. H. Bashor came to this place and held a series of meetings at the request of some of the more progressive members of the church. He began the meetings at the Franklin churchhouse; then they were trans-

ferred to the Union schoolhouse, where the Progressive Brethren organization was effected. They then built a house one mile west of the Franklin house and about a dozen members went with them at that time, including one deacon and wife. No minister withdrew at that time. The attendance greatly decreased at the old church, and the work has been greatly hindered ever since on account of the division. The Progressives have three church-houses in this county, all in Center Township. They claim to be "just like the Church of the Brethren," and those who know no better in regard to the matter go to the Progressive churches, because they are nearer home.

The church had declined to such an extent that in 1914 there were only eighteen members in the Franklin church. In the fall of 1915 Bro. J. F. Burton, of Northern Iowa, was called to hold a series of meetings and the visible result was that sixteen were baptized, besides some renewing their covenant. The work took on new life, and there is hope that in spite of all discouragements they may yet be a force in the community.

Bro. Samuel Garber had the oversight of the church from his ordination to the time of his death, in 1888. Then Bro. Wm. Stout was bishop until his death in 1898, being assisted by Bro. L. M. Kob, who was then presiding elder until his death, in 1911, with the exception of 1902-1906, when he resigned and Eld. A. Wolf was chosen as overseer. Since 1911 Bro. A. L. Sears has looked after the spiritual interests of the flock.

The Sunday-school was organized long before the churchhouse was built, and was first held in a schoolhouse, afterwards in a Methodist churchhouse, and later transferred to the new church building. Large numbers attended and a good, interesting Sunday-school was the

result. Bro. Jacob Castor was a loyal superintendent for years. After the Progressives built their churchhouse so near, the attendance greatly diminished, and it has not fully revived, but a faithful few have been enjoying the privilege of keeping the Sunday-school alive. One of the sisters said, "It has not been evergreen, although we have attempted to make it such this year, but on account of bad roads and sickness this winter, we were unable to accomplish our purpose."

Prayer and social meetings were held for a number of years, but on account of the scattered homes of the members only occasional meetings of this kind were held the last few years. In the last year or so there has been a Christian Workers' meeting organized, and a lively interest is reported in that as well as in other church activities.

Besides the ministers already named the following may be mentioned: Samuel Riddle, prior to 1878, moved west and has since died; Jonathan Swihart, a year or so before 1878, was a fluent and entertaining speaker; Edward Johnson, elected in 1900, died 1903; J. D. Brower, by letter for one year, 1912; A. L. Sears, elected ——, ordained ——.

Some of the deacons are as follows: James Ownsby, died in 1884; Howell Chandler, before 1878, died in 1898; Jacob Castor, prior to 1878, died 1889; S. V. Sears, prior to 1878, moved away, 1886; J. J. Sears, chosen 1894, died 1911; L. D. Garber and Hiram Porter, installed 1879; the latter died in 1888; John T. Caster and John Moore, chosen in 1889; Glen Petticord, chosen 1907; Nelson Prowant, installed about 1905; served for a year or so; Abe McVey was chosen in 1894; F. A. Garber, who is one of the ministers, was installed in 1915 and advanced to the full ministry Sept. 16, 1921.

A new churchhouse was built. It was begun in 1919, and was dedicated June 6, 1920. Bro. M. W. Emmert, of Mount Morris, Ill., preached the dedicatory sermon. He was accompanied by Eld. D. L. Miller (of sacred memory), who gave three of his Bible land talks. The present ministers (Nov. 19, 1923) are A. L. Sears, F. A. Garber, and Bro. Olaf Caskey, who has lately moved to Leon, but as yet has not presented his letter. This was formerly a part of the Fairview church and when first organized was called the Decatur County church.

Eld. Samuel A. Garber

Samuel A. Garber was born in Cambria County, Pa., Jan. 1, 1832. His parents, John and Sarah Garber, were of German descent and members of the Church of the Brethren. In 1838 they emigrated to Iowa, coming by steamboat down the Ohio River and up the Mississippi. They settled in Jefferson County, near Libertyville, his father, John Garber, being the first elder in the Libertyville congregation and the first Brethren preacher ever ordained in Iowa. Samuel grew to manhood and was married in the spring of 1853 to Nancy A. Peebler, whose ancestors were members of the Brethren church in Switzerland shortly after the church was organized. They soon fled to Holland and later to America, to escape military duty.

Samuel and his wife united with the Church of the Brethren shortly after they were married, and in the spring of 1855 emigrated to Decatur County, Iowa, settling a few miles north of Leon in Center Township. He afterwards traded this farm for another, also in Center Township, where he lived until his death. He was elected to the ministry when the Decatur County church was or-

ganized, and ordained a number of years later, being the first elder ordained in the Decatur County church. After being elected to the ministry he entered actively into the work, and during the rest of his life preached almost every Sunday. In addition to his regular appointments he was called to all parts of the Southern District of Iowa and North Missouri. Twenty-five years ago it would have been rare to meet a person in Decatur County who had never heard Sam Garber or Lewis Kob preach. The seed sown still remains, and there are many fruitful fields in this part of the country where they labored, waiting for the harvesters.

Bro. Garber always made a great effort to attend all the District Meetings, and held various offices in the District. It was thought by some that he was favorable to the Progressives when the church was divided. The following circumstance will show how he stood:

While the division was going on among the various congregations a sister from the Decatur County church wrote a letter to the *Progressive Christian*, complaining about conditions in the church, and a Progressive wrote to Bro. Garber, suggesting that it was about time for a division in Decatur County. His answer was: "The Scripture says, 'Beware of them that cause divisions.'" In a letter still preserved, which he wrote to his son only a few minutes before he was killed, he spoke of the church and deplored the fact that the local congregation was not prospering as it ought to do. On the 14th day of June, 1888, he, with his daughter Fannie, drove to Leon and on account of the threatening weather started for home early. They were overtaken by the storm two miles from town and he was killed by a stroke of lightning. He was 56 years, 6 months and 14 days of age. His wife died in 1910.

Bro. Garber was a man of genial disposition. His education was limited to what was afforded by the country school in pioneer days of Iowa. He was a lover of music, and taught singing schools at different places. His work was accomplished by tireless energy rather than natural ability, and the joy of having done his duty was a greater reward than "filthy lucre."

F. A. Garber.

Eld. Wm. J. Stout

Wm. J. Stout was born Sept. 22, 1816. He united with the Church of the Brethren in 1844, came to Decatur County, Iowa, in 1854, was chosen to the ministry in 1856, and ordained to the eldership about 1877. With Eld. L. M. Kob he had the oversight of the Decatur County church from the time of the death of Eld. Samuel Garber, in 1888, to the time of his own death, Jan. 23, 1898.

When a young man Bro. Stout married Letitia Sears, and together they traveled life's journey. To them were born seven children—four girls and three boys. One son died in childhood. Eld. Stout engaged in the milling business at an early day at Leon, Iowa. He was no loud speaker, having a weak voice, but his loudest sermons were his daily life. His earnest desire was always for the enlargement of the borders of Zion. While he never made a great mark as a public speaker, he deserves mention as a pillar in the local congregation of Decatur County.

Eld. L. M. Kob

L. M. Kob, son of Philip and Christena Kob, was born in Dauphin County, Pa., on Christmas day, 1834. His mother, whose maiden name was Christena Rothrock, died when he was about two years old. When he was about six

years old, he, with his father, stepmother (whose maiden name was Barbary Horst), one brother and one sister, moved to Henry County, Ind., where he grew to manhood, and in 1857 was joined in marriage to Miss Anna Wimmer, daughter of Abraham and Hannah (Heckman) Wimmer of that locality.

Eld. L. M. Kob and wife were the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons. The sons preceded their father in death, one in youth and the other just two weeks after he was married. Two of the girls are married, and with their families are living in the county of their birth. The other one, with the mother, resides on the farm on which the parents located in 1858. Thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren came to them before the death of Bro. Kob.

As soon as they were married, Brother and Sister Kob started west with ox team to find themselves a home, settling in Decatur County, Iowa, where he resided at the time of his death, June 26, 1911.

There was a Church of the Brethren already established at this place, although they had no churchhouse until 1874, when one was built adjoining the Franklin cemetery. Prior to this time meetings were held at members' houses; also in schoolhouses here and there. After about one and one-half years Eld. Kob and wife, with sixteen others, united with the church. Three or four years later he was called to the ministry and was advanced in a very short time and ever tried to serve the church faithfully. True, Eld. Kob, with joys intermingled, met with many trials and discouragements, and sometimes seemingly lost faith in his fellow-man, but his faith in Christ his Savior never faltered.

In the early days of his ministry he traveled much on

foot and horseback; later by wagon, and then with a single open rig, through heat, rain, mud, snow and cold, seldom failing to fill his appointments. The writer well remembers a trip with him in an open buggy to Nodaway County, Mo., when the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero. On our return trip a heavy snowstorm set in, through which we traveled nearly all day; then stopped with a dear sister in Christ, and family, where we had to remain several days, on account of the deep drifts, still some forty miles from home. So anxious were we to get there that we had the pleasure of breaking the roads much of the way when we did resume our trip.

Another time Bro. Kob went to Mercer County, Mo. A fearful snowstorm overtook him. He left his conveyance and started for home on his faithful beast, riding through tunnels dug in the snow, over fences, through fields—any way to reach his little family. During this experience his helpmate was struggling to get along with the chores, etc., through the deep snow. What part will she have over there? Let these two instances suffice to show some little of what he underwent for the great cause he loved so well. All his work was done with but little recompense so far as this world goes, but the record was kept up yonder. He often said in late years, when advised by friends to stop and give the work over to younger ones, "Better wear out than rust out." His motto was, "Spend and be spent."

He was called to perform the marriage ceremonies for about one hundred couples and to conduct the funerals of nearly two hundred people. The last service he held away from home was the funeral of a friend, April 10, 1911. He kept the family altar burning bright as long as he was able to exercise in that capacity. His form is gone

from us, but surely his works do follow him. His power in the pulpit lay in his aptness at illustrating, backed by his personal zeal and consecration, which was devoid of anything that was ludicrous. The expositions and illustrations that he advanced impressed one with the character, devotion and sincerity behind them.

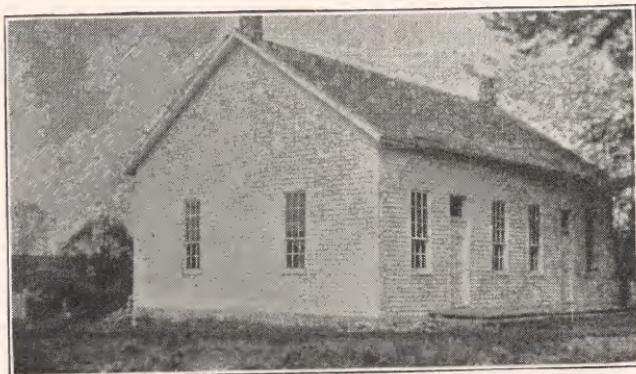
- Most of this article is the words of his daughter, Jemima Kob.

CHAPTER VII

South Keokuk Church

This church was located in Richland Township, Keokuk County, Iowa.

Along about the year 1850 a few families of members moved from the east to the southern part of Keokuk County. Some of them were Chas. Wonderlich, Sr., and wife, Christ Brallier and wife, Adam Wymer and wife, and perhaps others. About 1858 Bro. Thomas Major, the



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husband of the noted lady preacher, Sister Sarah Major, did some preaching for them and baptized a number, among whom were Chas. Wonderlich, Jr., Jane Wagner, Joseph Roop, Elizabeth Roop, Margaret Roop, and perhaps some others.

The members of this community were for a while under the care of the Libertyville church, and then by their

request were placed under the care of the English River congregation. Just when they were organized into a separate working body seems to be a disputed point, but one of the members gives the date as 1858, with thirty-four members, which will suffice for this account. We are at a loss to know who were the elders in charge of the church for the first years after its organization. We find that Bro. Charles Wonderlich was ordained in 1874 and served the church as elder for several years.

For some years, on account of unpleasant rivalry between the ministers, which was the cause of their being relieved of their office at their request, the church work lagged until the church called for ministerial help from adjoining congregations. In 1890 Eld. John Gable was chosen their elder, and in 1894 he moved into the congregation and served as elder and pastor until his death in 1903. During this time the church prospered, both in numbers and spirituality. Since the death of Bro. Gable the following nonresident elders looked after the affairs of the church in the order named: Eld. C. M. Brower, of South English; Eld. E. G. Rodabaugh, of Birmingham; Eld. Peter Brower, of South English; Eld. D. P. Miller, of Kinross. Bro. S. F. Brower and Bro. J. H. Keller, both ministers in the second degree, moved into the church in 1901. Bro. Brower moved to Idaho in 1905 and Bro. Keller moved to Cherry Box, Mo., some time previous. Some time before Bro. Brower moved away Bro. H. N. Butler moved into the congregation and in Feb., 1914, he was ordained to the eldership. Since 1915 he has had the oversight.

This was one of the early churches to recognize the value of the Sunday-school. We could not secure the exact date, but perhaps in the year 1871 the first Sunday-school was organized in a schoolhouse west of the church,

where it was conducted until 1875. It was later moved to the churchhouse which was built in 1866, where it has been running almost continuously ever since. Eld. Abraham Wolf, then a deacon, was the leading worker and mostly the superintendent until 1877, when he moved away. While some may have been indifferent to the work, there was not the opposition to the Sunday-school that there was in some congregations. They have a prosperous Sisters' Aid Society and also a Christian Workers' organization, and with a body of strong workers, who seem to be pulling together, they have a bright future.

They have not been able to set apart many of their number to the ministry, as the record shows. This is the list, to the best of our knowledge, besides what has already been mentioned:

Chas. Wonderlich, 1858 to about 1888; John Fritz, by election; Abram Wolf, 1876 to 1877; D. Frank Shelly, by election, 1906; Morris Lough, letter, 1909-1916.

Some of the deacons were as follows: Abram Wolf, 1864-1876; Abram Wagner, 1859 to 1886; Isaac Brown, David Bowerson, 1881 to 1896; Frank Gillam, letter, 1896; Isaac Shelly, letter, 1881. F. H. Heilman.

Eld. John Gable

Eld. John Gable was born in Pennsylvania, Nov. 5, 1826, and died May 31, 1903, aged 76 years, 6 months, 26 days.

He was baptized into the Church of the Brethren by Eld. Peter Long in the Perry church, Pa., in June, 1852.

He moved to the Hickory Grove church, Ill., in 1864. In 1867 he moved to the Maquoketa church, Iowa; in 1884 to Mahaska County, Iowa, in the Middle Creek church;

in 1894 to Keokuk County, in the South Keokuk church.

He was elected to the ministry in 1867; advanced to the second degree in 1872, and ordained in 1879.

He was married to Sister Elizabeth Eby, a cousin of the late Eld. Enoch Eby, Dec. 5, 1851. To this union were born four girls and eight boys. She proved to be a loving wife, a kind and affectionate mother, and in truth was a real mother in Israel, as any can testify who ever met her.

Bro. Gable labored ten years as bishop in the Middle Creek church, and lived nine years in the South Keokuk

church, having had the oversight of the church some years previously.

In many ways Bro. Gable manifested his love for the church and her associations. He attended many Annual Meetings and the District Meetings when possible, and often was a welcome visitor in the surrounding congregational love feasts.



Elder John Gable and Wife

tional love feasts. He did considerable preaching in filling appointments, often having three preaching services on one Lord's day, traveling as far as thirty miles to reach

them. He was a man of kind and gentle disposition and always attracted the attention of those with whom he had business relations.

As a preacher he was not emotional, nor were his sermons noted for forceful argument, yet they were filled with good, fatherly advice, and his consistent life and conduct gave them a force which nothing else could. In his ruling he was kind and gentle, yet he was not easily swerved from his idea of right. He considered it a great joy to be in the service of Christ and the church, and loved to see the members work in love and union.

The following lines were composed by his companion, who survived him almost nineteen years:

To the Memory of My Dear Husband, John Gable

Born Nov. 5, 1826; died May 31, 1903

It was the last of lovely May,
Death took my dearest friend away;
The trees were all in fullest bloom,
My heart was filled with awful gloom.

As I at his bed did stand,
He gave to me his parting hand.
“Death is working at my heart,
And now, dear wife, we must part.”

Then I thought my heart would break,
It was so full the words he spake;
“Oh,” thought I, “if I could but die,
How gladly with him I would fly.”

“But as you see it is God’s will,
That you must stay below here still,
Remember me where’er you go,
We’ll never meet again below.

"A little past fifty-one short years
We were called to shed our parting tears ;
Do God's will and then we'll meet above,
Where all is joy and peace and love."

Adapted by Elizabeth Gable.

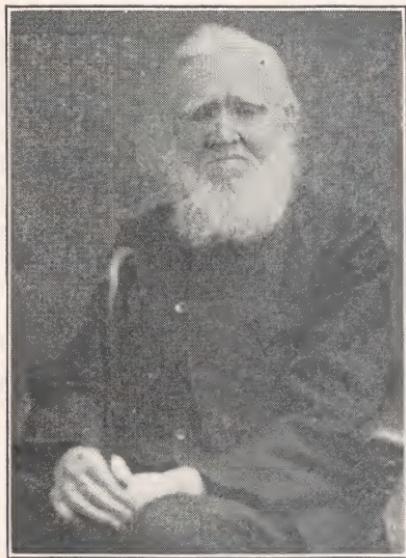
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Biography of Chas. Wonderlich

Bro. Chas. Wonderlich was born in Germany March 11, 1825. He came with his parents to Adams County, Pa., when he was ten years old. Soon after this his father and brother walked to Richland County, Ohio, while he remained with his mother. A year later the family followed. Here they pursued the occupation of farming, and

here Charles grew until he reached his majority.

Bro. Charles was permitted to attend school while in Germany, but since moving to the States, the family being poor and the educational advantages meager, he attended school but little. In his boyhood and young manhood he secured whatever work he could find. When he was 21 years of age, in 1846, he emigrated to the southern part of Keokuk County, Iowa, where he



Charles Wonderlich

had since resided. In the same year he was united in matri-

mony to Miss Mary Long, who was a member of the church. To this union were born seven children. His wife dying, he was married to Sister Mary Bales, a widow with five children, who at this writing is still living.

In 1858 Bro. Wonderlich, with a number of others, united with the Church of the Brethren, to which he remained a faithful member. In 1859 he was set apart for the ministry and served faithfully and acceptably in that office for several years. He was ordained to the full ministry in 1874. He was the bishop of the church until about 1888, when he, with the other minister, was relieved of his office. We understand the unpleasant relations which culminated as stated, were not primarily his fault, as he had been heard to say that he could not give satisfactory service in the ministry under the present conditions. We find that he was one of the committee to present a request to the District Meeting at the Crooked Creek church in 1892, for ministerial help, the result of which is told in the history of the South Keokuk church.

In his ministry he was a strong leader and an entertaining and forceful speaker. He is still living, and his sympathy is with the church for which he has given so many years of service. Although over ninety years old he attends services when he is able.

Later, Uncle Charlie grew weaker in body until April 9, 1922, when God took him, just as the sun was sinking in the west. Toward the last of his life he did not observe very much of what was going on around him, but he could converse about the work of the church fifty and sixty years ago as one who knew whereof he spake.



CHAPTER VIII

Middle Creek Church

Some members living in the northern part of Mahaska County, Iowa, and comprising the west part of English River church, were organized into a new church and named Middle Creek church, in 1860. This territory comprised Mahaska County. They were under the care of Eld. Jacob Brower before 1879, and under the care of Samuel Flory from 1879 to 1884, when Eld. John Gable moved into this church and was their elder until 1893. After this they had Elder Abraham Wolf, Hiram Berkman, John Follis, C. M. Brower, and Peter Brower as elder in charge, but I think these few years of Bro. Gable's eldership were the only time they had a resident elder.

Other ministers who lived in this church were Tazwell Gray, Alfred Ogle, S. P. Miller, Lemuel Hillery, Charles Hillery, John Nehr and Jerry Stout. Some of the deacons were Peter Pfoutz, Jacob Trager, Henry McMain, George Pfoutz, Frank Gillim and Oscar Clements.

This started out to be a live church. For many years they had an interesting Sunday-school, and numbers came into the church. They built a very nice, commodious churchhouse in 1878. Prior to this time communions had been held in barns or other available places, but after this they were held regularly in the church. But many did not believe in the plainness of the Gospel, as we understand it, hence did not join our number. Emigration and death took their number and others proved unfaithful, until in 1914 Bro. H. C. N. Coffman and Bro. D. P. Miller were sent

here as a committee and the church was disorganized, some placing their letters in the English River and some in the Monroe County church. Strong efforts had been made, however, to reviye the work, but to no avail. The church-house had been disposed of before this, and the proceeds were placed in the endowment fund for mission work in the District.

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CHAPTER IX

Crooked Creek Church

In the early years of the English River church her ministers traveled over considerable territory, preaching the Gospel and baptizing those who accepted Christ. Some members also came in from the East. Some of these members were in different parts of Washington County, Iowa, and some in the Southern part of Johnson County, Iowa. Bro. John Thomas, a minister, came from Virginia in 1862 and settled in the western part of Washington County. The membership grew so that in 1864 the Crooked Creek church was organized with forty members living in the above-named counties.

Eld. David Rittenhouse moved from Illinois into this church in 1865 and Bro. John Thomas was ordained to the eldership about this time, or possibly earlier. Up to this time the elders from English River likely had charge of this new church. From 1865 to 1869 John Thomas had charge of the south part and David Rittenhouse the north part, which was known as Johnson County. Yet we do not know as this was ever a separate organization, but the two worked together. In 1869 Eld. Rittenhouse moved back to Illinois, leaving Bro. Thomas alone in the eldership. He continued as elder until his death in 1891.

Soon after the death of Bro. Thomas, Bro. Samuel Flory was chosen as elder, and later C. M. Brower, he serving until his death in 1906, when H. C. N. Coffman was chosen, serving to this date, March 4, 1920. Other ministers who served in this church were Stephen Yoder,

Jacob Erb, John Funk, Abraham Wolf, and Anthony Senger. The following brethren served this church as deacons: John Fesler, Michael Cline, David Cline, Henry Etter, Valentine Wimer, David Rittenhouse, Jr., Benjamin Miller, D. P. Miller, Samuel Burger, and Edwin Smith.

About 1880, according to "Record of the Faithful," there were seventy-seven members in this church. A cement block churchhouse was built in the north part of this church, which stood for many years. A frame churchhouse was built in the Washington County part in 1876, which was recently sold to the holder of the farm from which the church lot was purchased. The part of this church being in Johnson County was organized as the Oak Grove church in 1889, thus becoming a church of the Middle District of Iowa, they being located in that District. This took twenty-eight members from Crooked Creek church, and death and emigration took a number of our members.

Many of the neighbors in this community never showed much interest in any religious services, and about 1904 Bro. Anthony Senger moved from this church, he being the last resident minister. The English River brethren kept up the appointments until 1911. Since that time no religious services have been held here. For some time there had been an interesting Sunday-school here, and a number of interesting series of meetings and love feasts were held, but owing to the strong emigration and other hindering causes the number has diminished until only four members remain.

A. H. Brower.

Eld. John Thomas

John Thomas was born in Virginia Jan. 28, 1826. We

are led to believe that he had Christian parents who were, perhaps, of the Brethren faith. His early training for usefulness was limited, as his father died when he was but a lad, he being the youngest boy of the family. He had often related to his children how he had to stay at home from school to help his mother wash, and not wishing to miss his spelling recitation his mother would let him go to school long enough to recite it. Like many another pioneer, he obtained a large fund of information through observa-



Elder John Thomas and Wife

tion, experience and reading that made him the man of power and influence which he afterward became.

Bro. Thomas was married to Susanna Sanger May 25, 1847, and in 1849 he with his wife was baptized into the

Church of the Brethren. He was called in 1857 to the ministry, which office he filled with credit to the time of his death. In the spring of 1862 he moved to Washington County, Iowa, and was here, some years later, ordained to the full ministry.

He was not very well situated financially when he came to Iowa, but he acquired a competence so that he was not strained for a livelihood in his old days. In his battle for bread he never neglected the church work. He always went when he was called if he was able, and sometimes when he was not able. We will insert two incidents sent in by his daughter:

"One time, especially, I recall that Bro. A. Wolf had started a series of meetings in the neighborhood where he lived, which was ten or twelve miles away, and he sent for father to assist, as they had quite an interest aroused. Father was sick, and he sent them to South English, to see if some of the brethren there would not go. They did not go, so on the return of the messengers father arose from his bed and went. At another time some one from Louisa County wrote to him to come and preach for them. He went and was asked why he did not apply to the Mission Board for his expenses. Because he had not applied to the board before making his trip, and because he knew that they would accuse him of being after the money, he did not make the venture."

We are not able to tell much of his life and preaching. He was a friend of education and all true progress in the church. He was considered by many as one of the ablest ministers in the District. He had a strong voice and exerted it above his strength, so that in the last few years of his life he lost the use of his voice, and he had to quit preaching almost altogether. He was not a man of many

gestures. His favorite position in the pulpit was standing with his hand in his left pantaloons pocket, and when he opened his mouth the words would roll forth as liquid from an overfull vessel, he being filled with spirit and power. He was never known to refuse a call for preaching, and never, except once, received any compensation from the Mission Board. At one time he had an appointment for once a month, twenty-five miles from home, going this distance on horseback or in a lumber wagon.

He was the father of three daughters, who are workers in the Church of the Brethren. He passed away Jan. 13, 1891, aged 65 years, lacking fifteen days.

CHAPTER X

Osceola Church

In 1870 there were a few members living on Grand River, Union County, Iowa, namely, William Groesbeck, Michael Myers, Henry Groesbeck and wife, Bro. Johnson



Osceola Church

and wife; Sister Sally Black, lived in Madison County; John Fields and wife and William Smith and wife, in Clarke County; and Joseph Schutt, I. J. Thomas and wife, and Elizabeth Keffer, in Warren County. These members were scattered over an area of about thirty miles in diameter.

By request of Eld. C. Harader, of Adams County, the members met and organized, electing William Groesbeck minister and John Fields deacon. They appointed regular

meetings at Grand River and Prairie Grove. At the latter place their first communion meeting was held Sept. 28, 1872; and at a meeting May 17, 1874, I. J. Thomas was advanced to the second degree of the ministry.

Eld. M. J. Thomas and wife moved to New Virginia, and Aug. 12, 1876, he was received and accepted as shepherd of the flock. Aug. 31, the same year, Samuel Keffer was elected deacon. June 2, 1877, Michael Myers was elected to the ministry. At this time the congregation was divided into two organizations, the eastern part being known as the Irish Grove church.

In the Prairie Grove congregation, June 13, 1878, W. W. Folger was elected deacon; and Sept. 27, 1879, I. J. Thomas was ordained elder, and John Reither and Harrison Shutt were elected deacons; May 1, 1880, W. W. Folger was elected minister, and Jacob Keffer deacon.

Aug. 2, 1877, the church met by order of a committee sent by Annual Meeting, namely, S. S. Mohler, B. F. Flora, and Michael Sisler. At this time the church con-



Bro. Jacob Keffer and Wife

sisted of two elders, M. J. Thomas, elder in charge, and I. J. Thomas; one minister in the first degree, W. W. Folger, four deacons, Samuel Keffer, Jacob Keffer, John Reither and Harrison Shutt; and about fifty lay members. The result of the work of the committee was the withdrawal of M. J. and I. J. Thomas, elders; John Reither and Harrison Shutt, deacons, and about thirty-one of the laity. W. W. Folger, minister, Jacob and Samuel Keffer, deacons; and thirteen of the laity remained and organized, electing Bro. Jonathan Beard, of the Marion County church, as elder, he serving until he died, Oct. 23, 1889. Up until 1890 the few members were held together by the preaching of Bro. W. W. Folger.

In 1890, at the Bonney schoolhouse, a Union Sunday-school was organized by the New Light Christians, at which time Bro. Jacob Keffer was elected as superintendent. Through the efforts of the Sunday-school and the preaching of Bro. W. W. Folger, Jan. 1, 1892, two sisters were received into the church by baptism, and Jan. 20 of the same year Bro. J. D. Haughtelin came and held a three weeks' series of meetings. During the same year Bro. Haughtelin was chosen elder and the members proceeded to build a churchhouse. The name was changed from "Irish Grove" to "South River," and the house was dedicated Nov. 24, 1892, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Isaac Barto, of the East Nodaway church. During Bro. Haughtelin's eldership about nine were added to the church. Bro. Haughtelin served as elder for a number of years, and Bro. J. P. Bailey was elected, May 31, 1902. Bro. Lewis Kob was chosen as assistant elder, and at the September and November council meetings Bro. Kob did the moderating in the absence of Bro. Bailey. In November, 1902, Bro. D. F. Sink held a revival meeting, at which time

three young people were added to the church by baptism.

In 1903 Bro. Folger heard of Sister May Manners, living near Milo, Iowa. He sought her, spent the night with her and her parents, and the next morning she told him she wanted to do mission work. In August the same year he took the matter up with the Mission Board and C. E. Wolfe, pastor of the Ottumwa church. A few weeks later Sister Manners, by earnest invitation, came to South River to a communion service and was delighted to get with the church again. Bro. Jacob Keffer took her to Decatur County, and then to District Meeting at the Salem church. She was chosen as reading clerk, met the board and Bro. Wolfe, and arrangements were made and she began mission work at Ottumwa in October, laboring for thirteen months. During that time the church sent to her the money collected at the Sunday-school to help her in her work.

Brethren Bailey and Kob served as elders until Aug. 22, 1904, when Bro. D. F. Sink was elected, and on the above-named date Bro. Lee Fisher was elected deacon. From August, 1904, until February, 1907, there seems to have been a lull in the work, for during that time only one council meeting is reported each year. But Feb. 1, 1907, the church appears to have taken on new life, and was reorganized. The church name was changed from "South River" to "Osceola." Bro. D. F. Sink, of Lenox, was still the elder, and the following officers were elected: Clerk, Mettie Caskey; treasurer, Jacob Keffer (which office he still holds); trustees, Jacob Keffer, Tom Rilea, Homer Caskey.

It was on the above-named date that the church decided to move their churchhouse from South River to Osceola, and Bro. Keffer hauled the old material to Osceola,

where Bro. Homer Caskey did the carpenter work. Oct. 20, 1907, the church was dedicated, Bro. D. L. Miller preaching the dedicatory sermon. During the eldership of Bro. D. F. Sink several were added to the church and on the above-named date Bro. Homer Caskey was elected to the ministry. The work was carried on between Brethren Folger and Caskey and in the absence of the elder one of the two would preside.

Aug. 20, 1910, Bro. Homer Caskey and wife were granted letters and moved away, and Sept. 30, 1910, Bro. Lee M. Fisher was called to the ministry and installed by Brethren Peter Brower and D. F. Sink. The same fall Brethren Lincoln Fisher and Ward Folger were elected to the deacon's office, and the work was carried on between Brethren Folger and Fisher.

In September, 1912, the District Meeting was held at the church. Jan. 11, 1913, letters of membership were granted Brother and Sister Wyman Folger, and they moved to Ankeny, Iowa. Thus Bro. Folger's closed their labors with the Osceola church, he having been elected to the ministry when the church was known as the "Prairie Grove" church, May 1, 1880, making thirty-three years of service in the congregation. Bro. Folger's moving away left Bro. Lee Fisher alone in the ministry. Bro. Sink served as elder until moving west, and Sept. 13, 1913, Bro. A. L. Sears, of the Franklin church, Decatur County, was elected in his stead.

During 1913 Bro. Lee Fisher and wife were urged to move to town and give more of their time to the service of the church, which they did, laboring under part support. July 11, 1914, Bro. Chas. A. Colyn was elected to the ministry, and he and his wife were duly installed the following day by Bro. Sears. Jan. 10, 1914, a committee of

three sisters was appointed to solicit money with which to build a kitchen on the churchhouse, and by their untiring efforts they finally succeeded in having it built. During the winter of 1915 Bro. O. C. Caskey and wife came from Chicago, the church employing them, and they went to work under part support.

Jan. 9, 1915, letters were granted to Brother and Sister Lee Fisher, and they moved out of our midst, leaving Bro. Caskey as pastor and Bro. Colyn as a minister in the first degree. In the fall of 1915 a Bible Institute was conducted by Sister Nettie Senger, of Bethany Bible School.

Jan. 8, 1916, certificates of membership were granted Brother and Sister O. C. Caskey, and their moving away left Bro. Colyn alone in the ministry, and on the same day he and his wife were advanced to the second degree of the ministry. At the same time a committee was appointed to clean the churchhouse, and the following spring about two weeks' work was done on the walls, changing chimney, refinishing woodwork, seats, etc. During the winter of 1916 Bro. J. Q. Goughnour held a revival meeting and four were added to the church. In the summer of 1917 Bro. J. D. Brower, of South English, Iowa, conducted a revival meeting, with Sister Trude Mishler, of Pierceton, Ind., as song leader. Bro. Sears served as elder until Bro. Cover, of Mt. Etna, was elected, March 30, 1918. The summer of 1918 Bro. Harvey Snell, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, conducted a revival meeting, with Sister Trude Mishler as song leader again. Bro. Cover served as elder until going away to school, and March 29, 1919, Bro. S. W. Garber, of Ottumwa, was chosen. He served until moving away, and Oct. 18, 1919, Bro. John Brower, of South English, Iowa, was elected. In November of the same year Bro. James F. Swallow, of Seavey, Minn., conducted a revival,

with Bro. Paul Hoover of Middleton, Ind., as song leader.
The result of the meeting was three accessions to the
church.

Nora Colyn.

CHAPTER XI

Marion County Church

In an early day a church was organized in Marion County. Some of the members lived in the eastern part of the county and some in the western part; also some in the eastern part of Warren County. Some of the elders who had charge of this church were Jacob Brower, Jonathan Beard, Hiram Berkman, and S. M. Goughnour. Ministers who resided in this congregation included Enoch Brower, Nathan Miller, Wm. Bacon, Jonathan Beard. Among the deacons were John Erb, Ben Erb, and Charlie Steman. As death and emigration had weakened this church it was disorganized in 1903 or 1904. Some of the members united with the South River church and some with the Prairie City church in the Middle District.

Nishney Valley

Nishney Valley was organized at least as early as some time in the seventies. This church was in the eastern part of Fremont County, near Farragut. Bro. B. F. Flory, a minister, moved to this church in 1878. At this time there were about twenty-five or thirty members, including one minister, Bro. S. Brown, but to our knowledge Bro. Brown never did any preaching. Bro. Flory was ordained to the eldership at this place. He remained here until 1883, when he moved farther west. During his stay a number were added to the church by baptism. Bro. George Stambaugh was chosen to the ministry about 1884.

The Brethren and Christian churches united in purchas-

ing a churchhouse and had their meetings together, but on account of emigration and other causes our number became smaller, until 1908, when the church was disorganized. D. F. Sink and J. D. Brower, committee.

A. H. B.

Adair Church, Adair County, Iowa

Coon River church, Guthrie County, Iowa, was organized in June, 1862. At this time J. D. Haughtelin was chosen to the ministry and J. W. Diehl to the deacon's office. Bro. Diehl was soon chosen to the ministry. These young brethren put forth a strong effort in spreading the Gospel, going into Adair County as well as into other adjoining counties, and as early as 1879 they did some baptizing in this county. Others were added by letter and by baptism, until in the autumn of 1892, when the Adair church was organized with eighteen members. Michael Hermon, a minister in the second degree, was among the number, and Eld. J. D. Haughtelin was chosen as their elder. Services were held at the following schoolhouses: Needle, Walnut Center, Cominka, Quarry, and perhaps others. Love feasts were held as follows: One at the home of James Grosclose; one at the home of Philip Noland; two at the Cominka schoolhouse; and two at the home of Michael Hermon. Perhaps there were others. This started out to be a prosperous church, but owing to emigration the number decreased so greatly, that Dec. 12, 1897, they were disorganized, Bro. Herman and others placing their letters in the Coon River church. Others being more convenient to the Mt. Etna church placed their letters there.

I am indebted to our dear departed brother, J. D. Haughtelin, for these few items and dates.

A. H. Brower.

East Nodaway

Perhaps sometime in the eighties Bro. Michael Myers commenced preaching at different places in Page and Taylor Counties (namely, New Market, Essex, Knowlton, Durby), under the supervision of the Mission Board. Other brethren were sent in at different times, and the cause flourished. In 1893 or 1894 the East Nodaway church was organized, near the boundary line between these two counties, and prospered for a while. Brethren Isaac Webb and B. J. Bashor were chosen to the ministry at this place, but on account of death, emigration and other hindrances the church was disorganized in 1915 or 1916.

Eld. Michael Myers

Michael Myers, eldest child of Christian and Mary Myers, was born on a farm in Rockingham County, Va., Jan. 6, 1832. While he was never very strong physically, he was strong mentally, and was always ahead of his classes in school. When he was 21 years of age he went to Ohio, where he remained about two years, and then returned to Virginia, remaining one year, when he came to Iowa, and entered land in Madison County.

Aug. 30, 1857, he was united in marriage to Nancy Jane Goare, who was born March 5, 1838, and died March 27, 1875. They at once settled on their prairie home, where their first two children were born. Then they traded this for another farm near by, where nine more children were born and where he lived until 1891, when he retired to Creston, Iowa. He was remarried, to Sister Mahala C. Miller, Nov. 16, 1884. She is living at this date, Jan. 1, 1919. He departed this life May 1, 1900.

When he was 18 years of age he joined the Christian

church, and was baptized by single immersion. He was very zealous in attending meeting, and taking an active part. During the two years of his stay in Ohio, at one time there was an appointment for preaching by a Brethren preacher at the schoolhouse where young Michael was teaching. When the appointed time came and this teacher arrived, he found the house already crowded. So he took his place at a window, where he watched the preacher, and the preacher watched him. The subject was three actions in baptism, and Michael's own language was, "He made his points so clear that I am left without a church, or a baptism." When he again went to Virginia, and was at his former church, the minister said, "I would like for you still to work with us as you used to." His reply was, "You people don't work according to the Scriptures."

In January, 1856, he left Virginia, saying, "When I find a woman that sees as I do I am ready" (meaning ready to marry and also to join the church). He joined the Church of the Brethren about 1857 and always took a great interest in church work. His wife became a member about 1872. June 2, 1877, he was chosen to the ministry, and was ordained to the eldership about 1880. He belonged to the Grand River congregation. Aug. 2, 1887, a majority of this church went with the Progressives, leaving Bro. Myers alone in the ministry with only a few members as helpers, but he stood firmly for the cause which was dear to his heart. In time his letter and his wife's were placed in the Mt. Etna church, and he gave much of his time laboring in nine counties for the District Mission Board. For some years he and his companion traveled with horse and buggy, finally moving to Creston, where it was convenient to visit his points by railroad. He used to labor for the board at 50 cents per day and

expenses, and then donate 10 per cent of his part. In 1895 he preached ninety-eight sermons for the board at an expense to the board of \$74.10; in 1896, eighty-four sermons; expense, \$63.89. His health then gave way and his work was greatly diminished. At least two of the mission points where he started the work developed into churches. One of these has since been disorganized. The other today stands a living monument for the seed which he sowed.

Before closing this sketch I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who have assisted me in preparing the same. Especial thanks are due to the only living brother and to the companion and to the children. It was only through their help that this was made possible.

A. H. Brower.

CHAPTER XII

South Ottumwa Mission

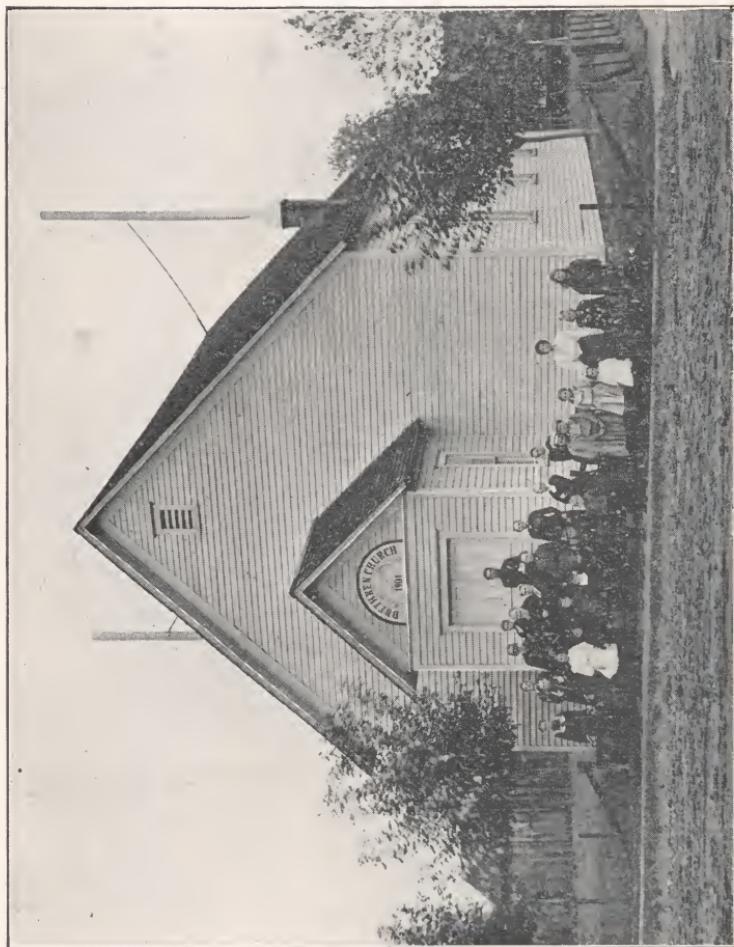
Eld. Abram Wolf and the writer came to Ottumwa in January, 1900, and held a week's meetings in private houses. The Mission Board then located the writer and family March 1, at 316 South Moore Street, there fitting up a room in which Sunday-school and preaching services were held.

In August of the same year a tent meeting of two weeks was held by Eld. Abram Wolf. Sisters Anna Follis and Alice Garber conducted the song service. The first convert was a Catholic man, about seventy-three years old. The next day two brethren were reclaimed.

Aug. 16 a love feast was held in the tent, Eld. J. M. Follis officiating, and twenty-two members communing.

Nov. 22, with the adjoining elders, Hiram Berkman, J. M. Follis, of the Monroe church, and Eld. Abram Wolf, of the Libertyville church, and the Mission Board, S. F. Brower, J. D. Brower, and J. D. Coffman, we were organized. Eld. Abram Wolf was elected moderator of the meeting. Eld. J. M. Follis was chosen elder, and C. E. Wolf was placed in charge. Bro. J. H. Dale was elected deacon, Sister Malinda Hardsocg was chosen treasurer and Sister Ellen Dale was chosen secretary.

Our present place being too small to accommodate the attendance, the District took under advisement the building of a church. March 12, 1901, work was begun on the new church, which is 34x36 in size. April 27 many hearts were made glad when we were permitted to assemble for



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worship in our new home. Saints were made to rejoice with the angels in heaven when a young sister made the good choice to unite with Christ and his people. The next day she was buried with Christ in baptism. May 11 a love feast was held at which twenty-five members communed. May 12, Eld. L. H. Eby, of Mound City, Mo. (now of Ft. Wayne, Ind.), preached the dedicatory sermon. The two lots and church complete cost about \$1,800, and are all paid for. Thus this was a red-letter day for the little band of God's dear children.

The date of this writing closes our six years of labor, and they have been the happiest years of our life. While we have not seen as great results from our labors as we would like to have seen, yet we take renewed courage and press on. We have had no helpers except Sister C. May Manners, now of South Bend, Ind., who was with us awhile and did some very efficient work. There were no members here when we began the work, though in these years thirty-five members have been taken into the church. One was lost by death, and two were disowned. There have been seven hundred and fifty-one sermons preached, five hundred and thirty-one by myself, and two hundred and twenty by other ministers. There have been 4,278 visits made, and nearly 8,000 tracts distributed; also 500 *Messengers* and *Inglenooks*. We have a live Sunday-school with sixty-five scholars enrolled. May we all be enabled to do more for the saving of souls in the future than in the past.

South Ottumwa, Iowa.

C. E. Wolf, Pastor.

Eld. C. E. Wolf's labors closed Jan. 1, 1909. The work was then taken up by Eld. George W. Burgin as pastor. He was also chosen elder in charge for one year. Jan. 9, 1910, Eld. Peter Brower was chosen elder for one year, with George W. Burgin assistant elder. Jan. 8, 1911,

Peter Brower was chosen elder in charge for 1911. After this he from year to year was chosen and served as elder in charge until the time of his death, May 9, 1914. Jan. 8, 1911, Brethren Ira Jennings and Noah Harrison were chosen as deacons and were duly installed into office by Peter Brower. April 9, 1911, with Eld. Peter Brower in charge, Bro. Roy F. Jennings was chosen to the ministry and was duly installed into that office. George W. Burgin's labors closed Dec. 31, 1911.

Bro. S. L. Cover took up the work as pastor Jan. 1, 1912. March 1, 1913, with Elders Peter Brower and David F. Sink in charge, S. L. Cover was ordained to the eldership. May 21, 1914, Eld. H. C. N. Coffman presiding, S. L. Cover was chosen elder in charge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Eld. Peter Brower.

The District Meeting of Southern Iowa for 1914 was held at the South Ottumwa church. S. L. Cover's labors closed Oct. 30, 1915. The work was then assumed by Eld. J. W. Jarboe as pastor and elder in charge. J. W. Jarboe closed his work with the congregation Dec. 1, 1916. With this date Eld. S. W. Garber assumed the duties of pastor and elder in charge. Sunday, May 25, 1919, preceding a communion service, three brethren were chosen to the deacon's office, namely, Ed. C. Stephens, Joe Slye, and M. J. Clark. Each, with his companion, was duly installed into office. The services were conducted by Elders Wm. N. Glotfelty, W. D. Grove, J. D. Brower, and D. H. Fouts; also Ministers W. H. Brower and Elmer Fouts; also A. H. Brower, member of the Mission Board, was present. The labors of S. W. Garber closed Aug. 1, 1919.

Aug. 1, 1919, Eld. William E. Thompson began work as pastor, was soon chosen as elder, and is serving as pastor and elder at the date of this writing, Dec. 8, 1923.

Under the pastorate of Bro. Thompson seventy-eight have been received into the church.



Elder Wm. E. Thompson

The following revival meetings have been held in the Ottumwa church: By Abraham Wolf, January, 1900; Abraham Wolf, August, 1900; Charles M. Yearout, 1901; D. F. Sink, 1904; C. S. Garber, three meetings, 1907, 1909, 1911; D. B. Gibson, 1908; I. D. Heckman, 1910; W. D. Grove, 1910; J. H. Brower, two meetings, 1913, 1918; J. F. Burton, two meetings, 1914, 1915; S. W. Garber, 1918; J. Edwin Jarboe, 1919; O. H. Feiler, 1920; L. A. Walker, 1921.

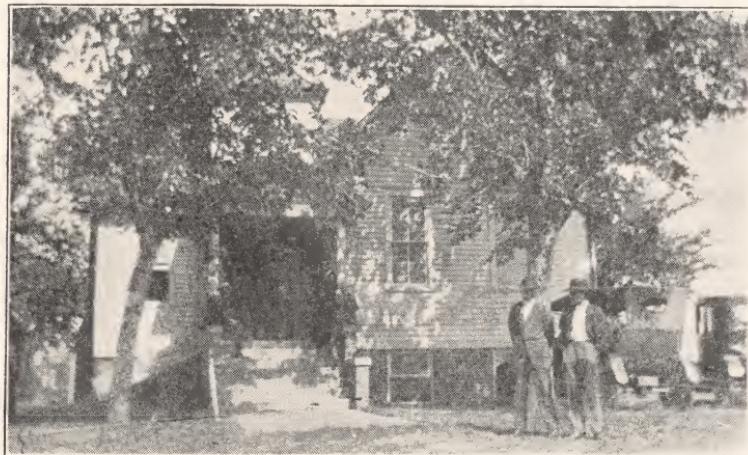
There were some revivals held by the pastors and perhaps by others, of which I have no account.

CHAPTER XIII

Salem Church, Adams County

Salem church is located five and one-fourth miles northwest of Lenox, Iowa, in a beautiful and rich farming section.

The first and only members in this locality, in 1899 and several years prior to this time, were Mankin Wray and his aged mother, Naomi (Wray) Crall, and Mrs. D. C. Wray. Their membership was in the Mt. Etna church, about twenty miles northwest of Salem. These members felt the need of services in this locality, so Bro. Michael



Salem Church

Myers, of Creston, Iowa, was secured to come and preach in a schoolhouse near where the church now stands. Bro. Myers' efforts were much appreciated, and during the

years of his labors here Bro. W. G. Caskey, with his family, moved into this neighborhood from Truro, Iowa.

Through the earnest work of these five members and Bro. Myers' visits every two weeks through the summer months, the Brethren doctrine was introduced in this locality. During this time, or about two years before the organization of this church, the first love-feast service was held, in W. G. Caskey's new barn, near where the church now stands. The site which Salem church occupies, also the adjoining cemetery, was donated by Bro. Mankin Wray.

In the spring of 1900, on April 21, the first council meeting was held at the home of Brother and Sister W. G. Caskey. Eld. John Bailey, of Mt. Etna, presided at this meeting.

March 1, 1900, Bro. D. F. Sink and wife moved into this locality from Mt. Etna, Iowa, Bro. Sink being a minister in the second degree.

At this April council meeting, this congregation was organized. There were seven charter members at this time, namely, Naomi (Wray) Crall, Mattie Wray, Mankin Wray, W. G. Caskey (deacon) and his wife, Meda, D. F. Sink and wife, Mamie Sink.

All the charter members agreed and promised before Eld. Bailey and Sister Martha (his wife) and Bro. David Sink to work together for the cause of Christ, and for the upbuilding of the work at this place, according to the order of the church and the decisions of Annual Conference. Thus they were organized under the name of Salem congregation.

Bro. John Bailey was chosen as the first presiding elder, July 14, 1900. During the summer of 1900 the

churchhouse was built. Services were held in a school-house while the church was being built. W. G. Caskey was the first Sunday-school superintendent. He was chosen March 11, 1900.

Oct. 8, 1900, the first baptismal service was held, when Bro. Homer Caskey, James Follis, and Clarence West were baptized. The first deacons that were called and elected were Bro. Clarence West and Homer Caskey, May 23, 1903.

The Salem church was dedicated June 9, 1901. Eld. L. H. Eby, of Mound City, Mo., preached the dedicatory sermon. The first District Meeting was held in the fall of 1903. This church has been much hindered by emigration.

In 1909 the members felt the need of preaching services in Lenox, although prior to this a tent meeting had been held, conducted by Bro. Hutchison. So in December, 1909, a church lot was purchased for \$1,050, and in the following May, 1910, a churchhouse was built. In September it was dedicated, and Brother and Sister John Brower became the first workers at the Lenox mission. This work was started and carried on by the local church, Salem. Then in January, 1912, Brother and Sister Floyd Ramsey took up the duties.

In January, 1913, Eld. Solomon Bucklew, assisted by Bro. John Cover and wife, worked faithfully for a time. May 17, 1913, Sister Bucklew passed away.

From January, 1914, Bro. Olaf Caskey and wife labored there until August, 1914, when he was released, that he might attend Bethany Bible School, Chicago, Ill. Since then no work has been carried on, because of inability to secure workers for the place.

Eld. J. P. Bailey, the first elder in charge of Salem, sent in his resignation Jan. 10, 1903. It was accepted and

Eld. John Follis was chosen as presiding elder, with D. F. Sink as assistant. Bro. Dave Sink and wife labored earnestly for twelve years at the head of Salem church, when they moved with many others to Trego, Calif. He and his wife were sorely missed for a long time at this place, as much appreciated work was done by them. Various pastors and elders have been here since Bro. Sink and Bro. Follis left. Bro. John Follis and wife came among us in March, 1901, and labored until January, 1913.

In 1913 Bro. Dave Sink was chosen as our elder, which office he filled until in September, 1913, he and his family moved to Trigo, Calif., when Bro. Solomon Bucklew acted as our elder for the remainder of this year.

In March, 1914, Bro. Homer Caskey and wife came here from the Council Bluffs mission and took up the work at Salem as our pastor. Bro. John Brower, of South English, Iowa, was chosen as our elder, until Oct. 22, 1914, Bro. Homer Caskey, with his wife, was ordained to the eldership, and remained our elder until in June, 1916, when Bro. Caskey tendered his resignation in favor of Bro. Leslie Cover, who succeeded him in his unexpired term. Bro. Cover and wife came to us in November, 1915, from Ottumwa, Iowa. He and Bro. Caskey labored together at this place until the fall of 1916, when Bro. Caskey and family left here for Red Cloud, Nebr., where he had charge of the congregation.

During this year Salem was remodeled by adding a large basement, suitable for Sunday-school rooms. In March Bro. Cover's left us and took up the work at Mt. Etna, Iowa.

Bro. Olaf Caskey and wife commenced here in 1917 as pastor, with Bro. Weaver, of Omaha, as elder, until in

September, when his resignation was accepted as pastor of Salem church.

In March, 1918, Eld. Wm. Wagner and wife of Alvo, Nebr., accepted a call and they labored faithfully until in December, 1920, they left us for a new place at Lena, Ill., and for better school conditions for his family.

In January, 1921, Bro. Homer Caskey and wife were given a call, which they accepted and the work is moving along nicely.

Three of the seven charter members lie in the Salem cemetery, namely, Sister Naomi Wray, Sister Mattie Wray and Bro. W. G. Caskey.

Mrs. Chas. J. Wray.

CHAPTER XIV

Council Bluffs

May 1, 1912, Bro. Homer F. Caskey and wife came to Council Bluffs under the direction of the Mission Board of the Southern District of Iowa, coming here from the Osceola church, Osceola, Iowa.

A location not having been selected, Bro. Caskey spent some time looking over the field, and rented the residence at 823 Avenue F, with a storeroom in connection, which he repaired and used for church purposes. The first service



Council Bluffs Church

held was Sunday-school, July 7, 1912, with an attendance of thirty-five. Five members were residing in the city at that time. Lind Lewis, baptized July 28, 1912, was the first member received by baptism.

In October, 1912, a series of meetings, conducted by Bro. Caskey, with Bro. Olaf Caskey and wife, of the Salem congregation, leading the singing, resulted in six being received by baptism, with others following a little later.

July 20, 1913, Bro. W. D. Grove, of the South English church, began a series of tent meetings, lasting two weeks, which resulted in eighteen accessions to the church, a number of these being adults.

Aug. 2, 1913, this church was regularly organized, Eld. M. R. Weaver, of Omaha, being chosen elder for one year. About Feb. 1, 1914, Brother and Sister Caskey resigned and were succeeded by Bro. J. H. Brower and wife, of the South English church, in the early part of March, 1914.

The site of present building, 808 Avenue E, was purchased by the Mission Board in February, 1914, and the church was built and parsonage located, as outlined by them during the summer of 1914, with Bro. J. H. Brower as pastor. The new church building was dedicated Oct. 25, 1914, Bro. H. F. Caskey, who opened up the work here, preaching the dedication sermon. A series of meetings, conducted by Bro. J. H. Brower, following the dedication, resulted in seven being added to the church.

Bro. Brower resigned as pastor in February, 1915, on account of poor health, and was followed by Bro. C. E. Schrock and wife.

A series of meetings, conducted by Bro. A. D. Sollenberger, of Beatrice, Nebr., in May, 1915, resulted in six additions to the church at the time or soon after.

A revival meeting, conducted by Bro. J. Edwin Jarboe, of Lincoln, Nebr., in June, 1916, added twenty-nine to the membership.

Bro. C. E. Schrock resigned as pastor March 1, 1917, and was succeeded by Bro. Harvey Snell.

Thirteen were baptized during May and June, 1917, as the immediate result of a series of sermons by Eld. M. R. Weaver, of Omaha.

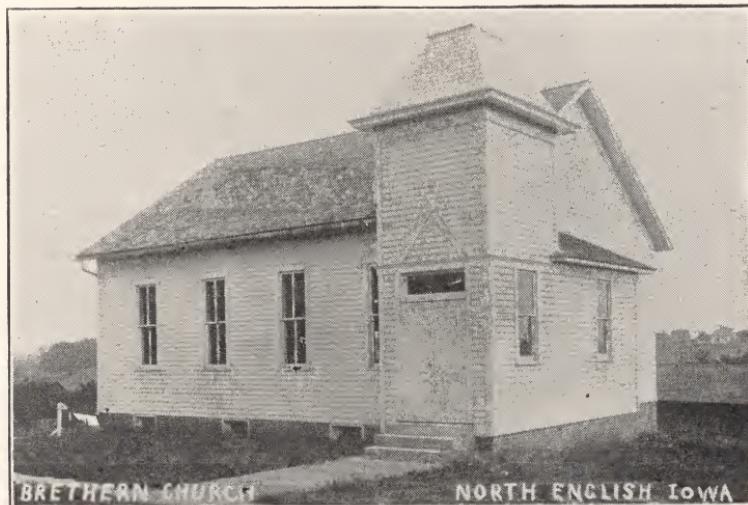
The membership at this time (June, 1917) is sixty-eight, and consists of four men who are the heads of families, seven mothers who have no husbands, five mothers whose husbands are not members, four single men, and three others over twenty-one, with the balance very young persons and children. A considerable number have moved away. Some changes are needed in the building to adapt it more fully to the needs of the work here, and it is hoped to get this work done during the summer of 1917, with the funds secured by Bro. Schrock in his personal canvass of the District in the fall of 1916, by authority of the Mission Board.

CHAPTER XV

North English Church

What is now known as the North English church was for a number of years the northern part of English River congregation. Into this territory moved John Flory and Christian Myers, with their families, about the year 1854.

In the fall of 1856 came Noah, John and Michael Miller from Virginia, the former two with their families. Others we might mention are Andrew J. Simmons, John Bell, and



Henry Senger, the latter with Christian Myers and their families in after years going with the Progressives. Of all these early settlers, Henry Senger and Michael Miller are the only two living.

In those early days preaching services were held in the different schoolhouses. Among those were the North English schoolhouse, located in the northwestern part of the town; Christy schoolhouse (now Grant), Bultys, Wilcocks, Crossroad and Union, and probably others. Services were continued regularly at the latter every third Sunday of each month by ministers from the south side.

George S. Wine was the first minister elected in this territory. The members felt encouraged that they now had a preacher on this side of the river, which at times was almost impassable, but in a few years he moved away.

In 1889 a churchhouse was built in North English and was dedicated that fall, Jacob Brower, of South English, preaching the dedicatory sermon. This was followed soon after by a series of meetings conducted by Moses Dierdorff. After this a revival meeting was held regularly each year, with a few exceptions. Among the evangelists we might mention S. N. McCann, J. G. Royer, C. H. Brown, Michael Flory, and of later years Henry Brown, J. E. Jarboe and M. W. Emmert.

Noah Miller and A. M. Flory were the deacons at the time of building the church in North English and served faithfully for many years. John Seibert, a minister, lived among us for a short time; also P. G. Hopwood, Chas. M. Miller and F. E. Miller, and in later years E. C. Flory and Chas. Hostetler, deacons, the latter coming from Michigan in 1917. His death occurred Oct. 11, 1918.

In the spring of 1893 a Sunday-school was organized, meeting twice a month, but soon began meeting every Sabbath, so that the International Lessons could be used. In a few years we had preaching services every Sunday by the south side minister for a few years, until the election of several ministers in this territory.

May 3, 1916, the members, with the elders of English River and a few members of the south side, met at the church and formed themselves into a separate organization, known as the North English church, with the South English River as the boundary between the two congregations. There were forty-seven members at the time of organization, and twenty-eight members present. Among this number were two elders, two ministers and two deacons. D. P. Miller was elected elder in charge, W. H.



Elder D. P. Miller

recently another minister, J. E. Smith; two deacons, S. A. Miller and Jesse S. Miller. The present organization consists of Eld. W. H. Long, Clerk S. A. Miller, Treasurer W. H. Miller.

W. H. Miller.

Miller, clerk, W. H. Long, writing clerk, and S. A. Miller, treasurer. Since organizing we have received sixty into the church, thirty-eight by baptism, one by confession, three reinstated, and eighteen by letter. During that time have lost thirty-seven, seven by death, three disowned, and twenty-seven being lettered out, leaving a membership to date of seventy, composed of three elders, W. H. Long, D. P. Miller and A. W. Miller; one minister, Lawrence A. Miller, and until

CHAPTER XVI

Missionary Sentiment and Mission Board

As the brethren emigrated from farther East to Iowa they brought with them the missionary spirit. The date when the first Mission Board in the District was chosen is not available, but we find that as early as 1881 the Mission Board was Daniel Zook, Alexander McPrice, and Martyn Replogle. The following brethren have since served on this board: D. W. Hardman, Levi Whistler, Peter Brower, A. J. Wine, A. H. Brower, J. B. Flory, H. C. N. Coffman, J. D. Coffman, S. F. Brower, J. D. Brower, W. D. Grove, D. F. Sink, and A. L. Sears. The present board is A. L. Sears, W. D. Grove and A. H. Brower.

In the early years the District contributed only a few dollars per year to the use of this board, but up to the present time over \$20,000 has been contributed by the District and used in the District. Nearly 6,000 sermons have been preached, 290 souls have been baptized and two churches stand today as living monuments, which have been organized under the supervision of the board.

In 1901 District Meeting took action to start an endowment fund, which now has reached \$9,879.75. The interest on this is helping in the work, and we are looking forward to the time when much more may be done in this line.

A. H. B.

CHAPTER XVII

Minutes of the District Meetings of Middle Iowa, for the Years 1867, 1868, and 1869

(The State District Meeting of 1865 was held in David Brower's barn, in the English River congregation.)

MINUTES OF 1867

The meeting was held in the Dry Creek church, 10 miles northwest of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 18. 19.

David Brower, moderator; Elias K. Beakley, reading clerk; J. S. Snyder, writing clerk.

1. Is the language of the Savior limited, when he says, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature"? Answer.—No, when ministers are properly authorized. Acts 13: 2-4.

2. What shall be required of a sister, who has separated from her husband, and received a dowry, and then contracts debts for her husband? Answer.—She must pay the debts contracted and make satisfactory acknowledgment to the church.

3. Is it right to install ministers or deacons without laying on of hands? Answer.—Yes. See Minutes of Annual Meeting, Art. 27, 1850.

4. Can brethren in the second degree of the ministry install officers or advance a brother from the first to the second degree of the ministry? Considered out of order.

5. Is it according to the order of the Brethren for an elder to ask a brother in the first degree to administer baptism, when a brother in the second degree of the ministry is present? Answer.—Not in order to do so, and the elder should make satisfaction to the aggrieved parties. See 1 Cor. 7: 17.

6. Can a minister ask the baptismal questions of the applicant before entering the water? Answer.—No, and he must acknowledge his wrong in so doing, and promise to do so no more.

7. Inasmuch as the new system of delegates to Annual Meeting is giving dissatisfaction, can we not amend the plan? Answer.—The District recommends that all members have equal privileges as formerly. Sent to Annual Meeting.

8. Is it right for a brother to teach that prayer and singing is not a part of the worship of God? Answer.—It is wrong to so teach, and a brother guilty of so doing should make acknowledgement and promise to do so no more.

9. Is it right to have three styles and prices of Hymn Books? Decided to make no change at present.
10. Resolved that the stronger churches should bear their relative proportion of expense of delegate to Annual Meeting.
11. Resolved that the delegate to Annual Meeting should keep account of expenses and report the same to District Meeting.
12. Is it according to the Gospel and order of the Brethren for a minister to receive a salary for preaching? Not approved. See Minutes of Annual Meeting, Art. 41, 1866.
13. Elders Jacob Brower and J. S. Hanger delegates to the next Annual Meeting.
14. The next District Meeting to be held in the Iowa River church near Marshalltown.

MINUTES OF 1868

Iowa River church, near Marshalltown, Iowa, Sept. 24, 25, 1868.

David Brower, moderator; Elias K. Beeghly, reading clerk; J. S. Snyder, writing clerk.

1. Decided to pay traveling expense of delegates to Annual Meeting of 1868, and continue to do so. J. S. Snyder appointed treasurer to receive from each congregation what they are willing to give.
2. Can an elder authorize a minister of the second degree to hold elections and install ministers or deacons into office? Considered out of order to do so. See Minutes of Annual Meeting, Art. 4, 1837. Sent to Annual Meeting.
3. Is it right for elders to permit members to take the benefits of the bankrupt law? It is wrong to so allow, and elders should make satisfaction to the church for so permitting.
4. Is it right according to the Gospel for members to advocate the Universalist doctrine? Considered not right and members doing so should make satisfaction to the church.
5. If a member commit a public offense, should the confession be made in public or to the members only? The acknowledgment should be made to the church only. Annual Meeting Minutes, Art. 15, 1850.
6. Is it right for elders to permit members to sue an outsider at law? Considered wrong to permit and elders should be dealt with according to the Scriptures. See 1 Tim. 5: 20.
7. If applicants for baptism request a brother in the first degree to baptize them, can the elder with two brethren in the second degree authorize him for that time? Considered not expedient.
8. Is it according to the Gospel to have other than grape wine for communion? No.
9. Is it right to invite applicants for membership to come

forward and receive the right hand of fellowship and be seated during singing? Not according to the Gospel.

10. Is it according to the Gospel and order of the Brethren for brethren traveling through the churches to publish their meetings and the conversions in the "Visitor and Companion"? We advise brethren to be very temperate in writing of their travels.

11. Should brethren lay aside all temporal matters while fasting? That is a matter of conscience.

12. As there is a growing inclination among our ministers to be remunerated for their services, could not this council place some restriction on the system? We resolve to concentrate our influence against this evil.

13. Inasmuch as we have tried the new system of delegates to Annual Meeting, and it has caused dissatisfaction, had we not better go back to the old way? Sent to Annual Meeting.

14. This District Meeting consents that the Annual Meeting of 1870 be in the Waterloo church, near Waterloo, Iowa.

15. David Brower and E. K. Beegly are the delegates to the next Annual Meeting.

MINUTES OF 1869

Fairview church, Appanoose County, Sept. 16, 17, 1869.

G. R. Baker, moderator; J. D. Yoder, reading clerk; J. S. Snyder, writing clerk.

1. By motion and unanimous vote decided to divide the State into three Districts: The three southern tiers of counties, running east and west to form the Southern District; the fourth and fifth tiers to form the Middle District; the remainder of the State to form the Northern District.

2. Is it according to the Scriptures or order of the Brethren, for a brother to enter, or be interested in stock or other articles taken to a fair in order to secure a premium? No.

3. Is it in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel for a brother to voluntarily inform the civil authorities of any person selling liquors contrary to law? Considered not right for a brother to do so. Referred to the next Annual Meeting.

4. It is according to the Gospel and order of the Brethren to make the general visit or part of it by letter? Only allowable when they can't be visited personally.

5. A brother becoming involved, the church tried to raise the debt, but being unable to meet it, called upon adjoining churches to help, two brethren assuming the debt. Should the churches still aid these two brethren? The churches should respond as the Lord may enable them.

6. Should brethren take offense because a brother sets a separate table for colored persons to eat their victuals? In such cases we should use forbearance and not get offended.

7. A. Replogle and Jacob Brower chosen delegates to Annual Meeting to represent the Southern District; G. R. Baker and J. S. Snyder for the Middle District; the Northern District not being represented at this meeting no delegates were chosen for them.

8. A. Replogle, delegate on Standing Committee for the Southern District, and G. R. Baker for the Middle District.

CHAPTER XVIII

Minutes of the District Meetings of the Southern District of Iowa

MINUTES OF 1876

Pursuant to previous notice the District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa convened at the meetinghouse in the English River church District, on Thursday, Oct. 19, 1876.

After the usual exercises of worship, the meeting was organized by electing Elder John Thomas of Washington Co., moderator; B. F. Flory, reading clerk, and John Eshelman, of Jefferson Co., recording clerk.

The roll of the local churches being called, representatives responded as follows:

Fairview church	Martin Replogle, Geo. B. Replogle
Libertyville	John Eshelman
Decatur	S. A. Garber
Pleasant Valley	James Beer
Prairie Grove	William Groesbeck
Adams Co.	By letter
English River	Jacob Brower, Samuel Flory
South Keokuk	Chas. Wonderlich
Crooked Creek	Stephen Yoder, Jacob Erb
Middle Creek	Stephen Miller
Marion Co.	Johnathan Beard, Benj. Eby
Monroe Co.	Hiram Berkman

On motion, all members not belonging to the Southern District of Iowa, be admitted to take part in the deliberations of the meeting.—Carried.

Query 1. Whereas, our beloved brother, David Sink, of Maha-
aska Co., has been for some years involved in debt, and is un-
able to extricate himself, and as his influence for good, and his
usefulness as a minister of the Gospel, is thereby much impaired;
therefore, the Fairview church earnestly solicits this District Coun-
cil to take such steps that in their wisdom they may deem best
to raise means to relieve him, at as early a day as may be prac-
ticable.

Answer.—Resolved, That a sufficient sum be raised in each local

Church District by voluntary subscription to pay the indebtedness on the land owned by James Settle, and due from David Sink, each District to raise as much as they can, if more than to pay said debt, to be applied on his other debts. The money so raised to be sent to Johnathan Beard, Durham Station, Marion Co., Iowa, and not later than the 25th of December, 1876. Send by draft or P. O. order; if order send on Knoxville P. O., Marion Co., Iowa.

Query 2. Is it consistent with our profession, as Christians, to demand personal security in business transactions?

Answer.—It is in some cases. Passed.

Query 3. It is desired that this District Meeting give some scriptural authority (if there is any) showing wherein it is wrong to play on musical instruments, provided we play only such music as is suitable for devotional exercises.

Answer.—We think that the decisions of the Annual Meeting are sufficient. Passed.

Query 4. Is it against the teachings of the Scriptures or order of the Brethren, for brethren to attend neighborhood prayer meetings, and if not, is it right for them to take part?

Answer.—Not right according to Scripture or order of the Brethren. Passed.

Query 5. Is it in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel and order of the Brethren for members to offer the salutation of the kiss to those who are not members?

Answer.—It is not. Passed.

Query 6. How does the Annual Meeting understand the Fifth article of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1866, when members have located in a church and have willingly neglected and refused to present their letters, as specified in said article? Has said church the authority to disown said members the same as transgressing members of that arm of the church, or has said church the authority only to withhold from such members all church fellowship?

Answer.—Decided to refer to Annual Meeting. Passed.

Query 7. A request for this District Meeting to take into consideration the propriety of changing the time of holding the District Meeting from fall to spring.

Answer.—Decided to hold Annual District Meeting of Southern Iowa in the spring instead of fall. Passed.

Query 8. How do the Brethren assembled in District Council understand the anointing, spoken of by James, 5th chapter, 14th and 15th verses?

Answer.—Referred to decision of A. M.

Query 9. Will the District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa send a delegate to the next Annual Meeting, or represent by letter?

Answer.—Represent by letter. Passed.

Concluded by the District Meeting that in case one or two elders go to the next Annual Meeting, they are to act as delegate for said Southern District of Iowa. Passed.

Also decided that the clerk give each church a copy of the proceedings of this meeting.

After the usual devotional exercises the meeting adjourned.

Elder J. Thomas,

Moderator.

B. F. Flory,

Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1881

On Monday, April 4, 1881, the delegates sent from the different churches of the Southern District of Iowa met at the Brethren meetinghouse, in the Libertyville arm of the church. After devotional exercises, the meeting was organized by electing Elder J. Thomas, moderator; S. Garber, reading clerk; James Glotfelty, secretary. By vote of members it was decided that the majority should rule in framing answers to queries.

The next in order was calling the roll for delegates, which resulted as follows:

Fairview church	D. Zook, J. W. Hawn
Libertyville	J. Glotfelty, D. Holder
Decatur	S. Garber
Pleasant Valley	Not represented
Grand River	By letter
Adams County	Not represented
English River	C. Brower, S. Flory
South Keokuk	C. Wonderlich, A. Wagner
Crooked Creek	J. Thomas, A. Wolf
Middle Creek	Not represented
Marion	Not represented
Monroe	Not represented
Nishna Valley	By letter
Irish Grove	Not represented

The letters were then read, after which the queries were presented in the following order. It was decided, by motion, that each member may speak twice on each query presented—not more than ten minutes the first time, and not more than five minutes the second time:

Query 1. We earnestly entreat the District Meeting of Southern Iowa in regard to giving certificates of membership, to omit the clause, in full fellowship, and merely say that they are mem-

bers. Answer.—This meeting decides that the above clause should be omitted.

2. We humbly petition the Brethren of the Southern District of Iowa to adopt the following resolution in regard to organizing and conducting our Sunday-schools: Resolved, That none but brethren should act as superintendent and assistant superintendent, and if possible have all members as teachers. Answer.—The above answer was agreed to by this meeting.

3. Is it right, and in accordance with the general tenor of the Gospel and of the Church of the Brethren, for brethren and sisters to conform to the fashions of the world in dress, or should they not conform to the order of the church? Answer.—Not right; members should not follow the sinful fashions of the world, and should conform to the Gospel and order of the church.

4. Is it in accordance with the Gospel for a brother to sue a person not of the church, when he will not pay any other way? Answer.—Tabled, and resolved that we will adhere to decisions of Annual Meeting on queries of the above import.

5. Two queries of the same subject considered together: Is it becoming or in accordance with the order of the church for brethren, and especially for ministers, to wear mustache or goatee, or both, as the fashion of the world is? If not considered right, how are such brethren to be dealt with? Answer.—Referred to past decision of Annual Meeting.

6. Inasmuch as the minutes of Annual Meeting of 1880, which were printed at two different places, were not alike in the queries contained, we therefore ask Annual Meeting of 1881 to have the minutes hereafter more uniform in their contents than they were in 1880. Answer.—This District Meeting agrees with the above, and sends it to Annual Meeting.

7. This Annual Meeting is asked to reconsider article 26 of minutes of 1880 (Huntingdon copy), and if the present answer be readopted, to answer the following: If members may bring up, and committee investigate matters settled, as set forth in said article, how shall congregations transact business so as to be final, or have congregations no such power? Answer.—Decided to send the above to Annual Meeting.

8. We ask advice of Annual Meeting, through District Meeting, upon the following: A committee is sent by Annual Meeting to settle difficulties in a church; their report is accepted by the church, but dissatisfaction remains in regard to their proceedings; queries are sent to the following Annual Meeting in regard to the matter, which Annual Meeting pronounces their proceedings illegal and contrary to the Gospel. See articles 23, 25 and 26 (Lanark copy), minutes of 1880. Should committee in such cases make satisfaction unto said church, or not? Answer.—This District Meeting says they should make satisfaction. Sent to Annual Meeting.

9. Inasmuch as God is not the Author of confusion, but of

peace (see 1 Cor., 14th chapter, 33d verse), and whereas the writing and publishing of articles in the Progressive Christian has marred the peace of the church and is cultivating confusion and discord in consequence of above facts, we ask Annual Meeting of 1881 to take such steps as will stop the publishing of such disrespectful and offensive articles in reference to our peculiarities in giving form to our costume, etc. Answer.—Tabled.

10. Is it right, according to the Gospel, to receive a lawyer into the Church of the Brethren, and permit him to continue his profession as a lawyer? Answer.—Not right.

It was decided by this meeting to elect brethren for the missionary board for the ensuing year who reside near the central part of the District. It was also decided to elect them from among the brethren of the Appanoose County church. The following brethren were elected: Elder D. Zook, president; Bro. Martin Replogle, treasurer; Bro. Alexander McPrice, secretary. Also, giving the Appanoose church authority to fill up the board, if any refused to act in above capacity.

By motion it was decided to elect the evangelists for the ensuing year at this meeting. Bro. John Thomas was elected for eastern part of District; Bro. Isaac Thomas, middle part of District; S. A. Garber, western part of District. If any of the evangelists fail to act, the Mission Board shall have power to fill vacancies.

By motion it was decided that the different churches of the District hereafter instruct their delegates to District Meeting whom they shall vote for to act as evangelists for the ensuing year, it being understood that they are to be located as heretofore.

Motion that each church in the District appoint a solicitor to solicit funds for missionary purposes, to be forwarded to treasurer of District Board. Motion carried.

It was decided to send delegate to Annual Meeting as a member of the Standing Committee. Eld. John Thomas was selected for said delegate.

It was decided that each church in the District pay its quota toward bearing expenses of delegate to Annual Meeting. The amount required from each church is one dollar and fifty cents, which amount each church will remit to Bro. John Thomas, Keota, Keokuk County, Iowa, until or by the middle of May.

There being a call for District Meeting for the English River church, therefore the District Meeting of 1882 will be held with the brethren of the English River church, at such time as they may designate.

After devotional exercises the meeting was declared adjourned.
James Glotfelty, Secretary.

MINUTES OF 1882

The District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa met May 1 in the English River church District. Eld. Daniel Zook,

of Appanoose Co., moderator; Eld. Samuel Flory, of Keokuk Co., reading clerk; and Eld. B. F. Flory, of Fremont Co., writing clerk.

The roll being called of the several arms of the church, it was responded to as follows:

Fairview	two delegates, Daniel Zook and Martin Repleglo
Libertyville	two delegates, J. H. Filmore and Ellis Peebler
Decatur	Not represented
Pleasant Valley	Not represented
Grand River	one delegate, M. Myers
Adams Co.	Not represented
English River	two delegates, Samuel Flory and G. S. Wine
South Keokuk, two delegates, C. Wonderlich and David Bowersox	
Crooked Creek	two delegates, D. Rittenhouse and H. Etter
Nishna Valley	one delegate, B. F. Flory
Irish Grove	By letter
Middle Creek	two delegates, J. H. Neher and Peter Pfoutz
Marion	By letter
Monroe	one delegate, Daniel Miller, Jun.

Letters from different churches were then read. Irish Grove, signed M. J. and I. Thomas; Marion Co., signed J. Beard, D. Bowman, Jabus Ray. All members not residing in this District asked to take part in the meeting and unanimously granted. Queries were then called for and four presented.

Query 1. Is it right, according to the spirit of the Gospel and the order of the Brethren, for members to either offer or receive the salutation of the kiss, of expelled members.

Answer.—Decided, not right.

Query 2. If it is wrong to close a mortgage when the time for which it was given has expired, and the debt for which it was taken to secure, remains unpaid, is it not also wrong to take a mortgage to secure a debt?

Answer.—Decided to be governed by Annual Meeting of 1871, article (21) twenty-one.

Query 3. As it is contrary to the teaching of the Gospel for brethren to go to law with one another, is it right for the church to be governed by the law in adjusting difficulties between members, when the law would conflict with justice?

Answer.—Decided to settle according to justice.

Query 4. Is it according to the order of the Church of the Brethren for one brother to exact of another more than what is legal, or that which is known cannot be obtained by civil law when no special agreement was made to that effect?

Answer.—Decided not according to the Gospel or order of the Brethren.

Next considered the proposition, to consider each church as a missionary board, having a fund in each church. Considered and decided to make no change, but let the former plan remain as adopted heretofore, and that the old board of the missionary fund remain as last year; also the solicitor to solicit aid, to be selected by each church; and in consequence of one of the evangelists having resigned, this meeting appointed Bro. A. Wolf to fill such vacancy.

The Monroe County church requested next District Meeting. Granted—time and place to be set by said church and published in time.

Minutes of this meeting to be printed and the excess of money paid in for printing be given to the missionary fund. Also, to let the B. at W. publication have the printing of Minutes.

Missionary Board is composed of Daniel Zook, president; Martin Replogle, treasurer, and Alexander McPrice, corresponding secretary. Postoffice address of all, Unionville, Appanoose Co., Iowa.

Eld. J. Thomas, of Washington Co., P. O. address, Keota, was selected a delegate to next Annual Meeting and each church pay one dollar to defray expenses. Send money to him as directed above.

With the best of feeling throughout, after singing and prayer, the meeting closed.

Daniel Zook,
Moderator.

B. F. Flory,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1883

The District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa met in the Monroe Co. church, April 20, 1883. John Thomas, moderator; S. A. Garber, reading clerk; and Geo. S. Wine, recording clerk.

The roll of the several Districts being called, it was responded to as follows:

Fairview	D. Zook, J. W. Hawn
Pleasant Valley	; Not represented
Libertyville	John Filmore, D. Holder
Decatur	S. A. Garber
Grand River	M. Meyers
Adams County	Not represented
English River	C. M. Brower, Geo. S. Wine
South Keokuk	John Frits, D. Bowersox
Crooked Creek	John Thomas
Nishna Valley	By letter
Irish Grove	By letter

Middle Creek	Peter Pfoutz, J. F. Neher
Monroe County	Peter Miller, Isaac Miller
Marion County	Jonathan Beard
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto

Letters from the different Districts were next read. Letter from Irish Grove signed by M. J. Thomas, I. J. Thomas, W. W. Folger, Samuel Keffler. Letter from Nishna Valley signed by B. F. Flory, G. W. Stambaugh, Wm. A. Kershner, A. Zook.

The following business was then considered and disposed of:

1. Would it not be better, in consequence of the Nishna Valley church, Fremont Co., being so near the organized churches in Nebraska, to attach said church to the Nebraska District?

Answer.—We think it best not to grant it at present.

2. Inasmuch as there are new churches springing up in the different States, and many of them desire to have houses to worship in, and not having sufficient means within themselves, are necessitated to call on the general Brotherhood to help: Will not this District Meeting petition Annual Meeting to devise means for a general treasurer of the whole Brotherhood, to assist those poorer churches in building houses for worship?

Answer.—We decide to drop this for the present.

3. Would it be a violation of the Gospel, for the brethren to close their meetings by using the following in part from the apostle Paul, 2 Cor. 13: 14: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit rest and abide with the Israel of God, here and elsewhere, throughout the whole world, Amen" ?

Answer.—Inasmuch as we have no such example from Christ or the apostles, we decide to make no change.

4. Would it be wrong for a minister of the Brethren to lecture on the science of phrenology, pass examinations, issue charts and receive pay for the same?

Answer.—Inasmuch as we do not call our brethren but to the ministry, therefore we think it utterly wrong.

5. To the Brethren, Greeting: We, the Brethren of the Libertyville church, in council assembled, renew our request to District Meeting to change the working of our Missionary Board from the present plan to the one we asked for at the last District Meeting.

The following was also read in connection:

Would it not be more consistent with the order of the Brethren to consider and hold all brethren in the second and third degrees of the ministry as evangelists in the home mission cause, instead of electing three, as we now have; provided, the calls for preaching always be made through the Board?

Answer to both.—We recommend that each congregation assist their ministers to spread the Gospel in their own Districts, and

adopt the change asked for in the latter query, for general missionary work.

6. Will the District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa petition Annual Meeting to repeal the Mandatory Act?

Two more papers were read, embodying the same request.

Answer.—This District Meeting asks Annual Meeting to do so.

It was decided that the Missionary Board, composed of D. Zook, Martin Replogle and A. McPrice, hold over another year.

Eld. Isaac Barto was chosen to represent the District on Standing Committee of A. M. His address is Stanton, Montgomery Co., Iowa.

Decided to have minutes of this meeting printed, and three dollars contributed to the clerk for that purpose.

After devotional exercises, and with apparent fraternal feelings throughout, the meeting closed.

John Thomas,
Moderator.

Geo. S. Wine,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1884

The District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa met in the Libertyville church, Jefferson Co., Iowa, May 23, 1884.

John Thomas, moderator; Samuel Flory, reading clerk; and Geo. S. Wine, writing clerk.

The different churches composing the District, were called and responded as follows:

Fairview	J. W. Hawn
Libertyville	J. H. Filmore, D. Holder
Decatur Co.	S. A. Garber
Pleasant Valley	Not represented
Grand River	Not represented
Adams Co.	Not represented
English River	Samuel Flory, Geo. S. Wine
South Keokuk	C. Wonderlich, John Frits
Crooked Creek	John Thomas
Nishna Valley	By letter
Irish Grove	Not represented
Middle Creek	John Gable, Peter Pfoutz
Marion Co.	Jonathan Beard
Monroe Co.	Not represented
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto

Letter from Nishna Valley church was read, signed by S. H. Brown, R. Whistler, A. Zook and others.

A letter was presented signed by M. Herman, Adair Co., Iowa, stating that a church had been organized there last fall, and claiming representation, but, as Adair County is in the Middle District of Iowa, this meeting authorized the clerk to correspond with the brethren up there, to ascertain the location and other particulars of the newly-organized church.

The following query was the only one before the meeting:

Will this meeting ask District Meeting to reconsider query 1 of Minutes of District Meeting of 1881; in giving certificates of membership, the clause in full "fellowship" was omitted. Could we not use the word "fellowship" so we could use the printed certificates? Answer.—Decided to grant the request.

The missionary cause having moved rather slowly, considerable discussion took place as to adopting a different system instead of the present one, but it was finally decided to make no change except in the manner of collecting funds for same, by enjoining it upon the elders of each congregation to instruct and urge their members to "lay by in store the first day of the week," and pay to their treasurer, and he transmit quarterly to the general treasurer, Martin Replogle, Unionville, Appanoose Co., Iowa.

It was decided to hold the present board another year, and that they be urged to report to next District Meeting.

It was decided to send a delegate to represent this District on the Standing Committee of A. M., and Samuel Flory elected.

A committee was appointed to apportion the expenses of the delegate among the several Districts, and their report was accepted and committee discharged.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That this District Meeting earnestly urges the congregations composing the Southern District to be represented by delegate at our District Meetings.

It was decided to have the proceedings of this meeting printed, and \$2.98 was contributed and given the clerk for that purpose.

After a season of devotion, and with harmonious and fraternal feelings manifest, the meeting closed.

John Thomas, Moderator.

Geo. S. Wine, Clerk, South English, Iowa.

MINUTES OF 1885

Meeting held in the Middle Creek church, Mahaska Co., May 1, 1885.

Samuel Flory, moderator; Isaac Barto, reading clerk; Geo. Wine, writing clerk.

The roll of the churches was then called and responded to as follows:

Fairview	Martin Reogle
Libertyville	J. H. Eshelman
Decatur Co. ....	.....By letter
Pleasant Valley	Not represented
Grand River	Not represented
Adams Co.	Not represented
English River	W. H. Black, Noah Miller
South Keokuk	C. Wonderlich, Isaac Shelly
Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Irish Grove	Not represented
Middle Creek	J. Trager, H. McMain
Marion Co.	Jonathan Beard
Monroe Co.	Not represented
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto

Letter from Decatur church signed by S. A. Garber and L. D. Garber.

The following business papers were read and considered:

1. We, the Brethren in council, assembled in Marion Co., do ask the Southern District, Is it in accordance with the Gospel and order of the Brethren for members to absent themselves from the regular appointments for six to twelve months, and especially official members, and if not, what is to be done with such members? Answer.—We adopt the decision of A. M. in '70, which reads as follows: We consider it wrong for members to absent themselves from meeting, and should they do so three or four times, they should be visited to ascertain the cause, and if no good reason can be given, they should be admonished. Heb. 10: 24-25.

2. When the elder who has oversight of the church knows of any misconduct in any of his members, is it his duty to take the proper steps to have the matter adjusted according to the gospel order, and if need be have the case brought before the church council, or should he wait to have the case pressed upon him by some of the other members? Answer.—When an elder knows a case of the kind mentioned above, it is his duty to take the proper steps to right the trouble on hand.

3. Inasmuch as A. M. has decided against the use of the Brethren's Hymnals in the churches in time of public worship, Art. 20, 1873, also Art. 25, 1874, and the Brethren's Pub. Co. urge the use of them, and some congregations do use them, which is inconsistent, we ask this A. M. to adopt some measures by which this inconsistency may be removed. Passed to A. M.

Does this District Meeting consider that churches that do not respond to the call for their quota of expenses incurred by the Southern District are doing their duty? And if not, what will it say in regard to such neglect? Answer.—This District Meeting

decides that churches that do not respond to such calls are neglecting their duty in carrying on the work of the church, as well as the injunction of the apostle Paul in Gal. 6: 2, and we hereby encourage and urge the churches to promptness in these duties.

The Missionary Board reported \$22.67 expended for missionary work, and \$37.33 in the treasury. The following brethren were elected to constitute the board for the ensuing year: D. W. Hardman, president; Levi Whistler, treasurer; Alexander McPrice, secretary, either of whom can be addressed at Unionville, Appanoose Co., Iowa. The missionary system is left the same, and wish it understood that the missionary work of this District applies only where there are isolated members and no minister, and that all ministers in the second and third degrees are considered evangelists, and that calls for preaching must be made through the board, and may be made either by the parties who want preaching or the minister who is to do the work.

It was decided to represent the District on Standing Committee of A. M., and Isaac Barto was duly elected. It was estimated that it would be necessary to raise \$35 to bear the expenses of the said delegate, which was apportioned among the churches as follows:

Fairview	\$3.50	South Keokuk	2.50
Libertyville	4.50	Crooked Creek	2.50
Grand River	1.50	Irish Grove	1.50
English River	5.00	Monroe Co.	3.50
Pleasant Valley	1.00	Nishna Valley	1.00
Decatur Co.	3.50	Middle Creek	2.00
Adams Co.	2.50	Marion Co. ....	.75
Pleasant Ridge	1.00		

It is expected that each church will forward without further notice to Isaac Barto, Stanton, Montgomery Co., Iowa. It was decided to have these minutes printed, and \$3.20 given the clerk for that purpose.

A request for District Meeting in '86 came from South Keokuk, also from English River. The meeting decided in favor of South Keokuk. The English River church asked that if they did not get the meeting in '86, they wished their request to stand for '87.

After another season of devotion, and with a manifestation of Christian love, the meeting closed.

Samuel Flory,
Moderator.

Geo. S. Wine,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1886

The brethren and sisters representing the Southern District of Iowa, met in the South Keokuk church, Keokuk Co., Iowa, on the 30th day of April, 1886.

Isaac Barto, moderator; Hiram Berkham, reading clerk, and Geo. S. Wine, writing clerk. It was agreed that no rules were necessary to govern the meeting, except those laid down in the Gospel, which enjoin Christian courtesy and a regard for each other's feelings.

The roll call of the different churches was responded to as follows:

Fairview	D. Zook
Libertyville	John Eshelman
Decatur	Not represented
Pleasant Valley	Not represented
Grand River	Not represented
Adams Co.	By letter
English River	D. Niswander, Geo. L. Wine
South Keokuk	Isaac Shelly, Isaac Brown
Crooked Creek	A. Sanger, Benj. Miller
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Irish Grove	By letter
Middle Creek	John Gable, Peter Pfoutz
Marion Co.	Jonathan Beard
Monroe Co.	Hiram Berkman
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto

The letter from Adams Co. church was signed by Lewis M. Kob, David Markley, and John M. Follis.

The letter from Irish Grove was signed by M. J. Thomas and I. J. Thomas.

The following queries were presented for consideration, and acted upon apparently in the fear of the Lord:

1. Would it not be well for the minutes of both District and Annual Meeting, to be read before each congregation as soon as practicable after such meetings are held?

Answer.—We think it would, and Annual Meeting has, many years ago, enjoined it upon elders to read to their congregations the proceedings of Annual Meeting.

2. Can a brother be retained in the church who has joined the organization known as the Grand Army of the Republic, or how is such a member to be dealt with?

Answer.—We decide he cannot, and such should be admonished, and if he will not accept the admonition, should be dealt with according to Matt. 18.

3. We, the members of the Middle Creek church, Mahaska Co., are not in favor of Bro. Howard Miller's move in getting up a book called the "Record of the Faithful," as we look upon it as only a speculation. King David fell under the displeasure of

God for the same act. 2 Sam. 10-15. District Meeting please dispose of this as it thinks best.

Answer.—In consideration of the above, this District Meeting sends to Annual Meeting the following petition:

Whereas, Bro. Howard Miller announced, in Gospel Messenger, No. 8, dated Feb. 23, 1886, his purpose of reissuing the "Record of the Faithful," this District Meeting of Southern Iowa, petitions Annual Meeting to forbid the numbering of the membership of the church, without the consent of the church through Annual Meeting.

4. Inasmuch as there are certain churches in the Southern District of Iowa that are out of order—following the vain and foolish fashions of the world—the wearing of hats, bustles, and ruffles by the sisters, and some of the brethren following the height of fashion of the world—the wearing of the mustache and otherwise conforming to the order of the world, which is not tolerated by the general Brotherhood or Gospel—or churches that may be otherwise out of order that may be a hindrance to the growth of true Christianity, will this District Meeting make it obligatory upon our elders to visit such churches and set in order things that may be wanting?

Answer.—Inasmuch as Annual Meeting has already made it obligatory upon elders to comply with the request of this query, we urge that elders do not neglect this duty.

The report of the Missionary Board being next in order, and none of the members of the board being present, Bro. D. Zook reported for them; but as he seemed doubtful of the correctness of it, the clerk afterwards received the following corrected report from the treasurer of the board: Amount received, \$50.12. Paid out for missionary work, \$14.30. Balance on hand, \$35.82. Brethren laboring in the missionary field reported no accessions, but an encouraging interest and many calls for preaching. It was decided to continue the same system already adopted, and this meeting seeming more than usually awake to the importance of the work, it is desired that more persevering efforts be made in replenishing the treasury, and a more extended work in the disbursement of the same. The board is hereby instructed not to advance money before the work is done. The members of the present board were reelected for the ensuing year, viz., D. W. Hardman, president; Levi Whistler, treasurer; and Alexander McPrice, secretary; either of whom can be addressed at Unionville, Appanoose Co., Iowa.

It was decided to represent this District on Standing Committee of Annual Meeting, and John Thomas was duly elected delegate.

It was decided to have these minutes printed, and \$3.70 was given the clerk for that purpose.

Applications for next District Meeting came from English River, as a reward of their request of last year, also from the Adams Co. church, and one from the Fairview church. The dele-

gates from English River being so authorized, withdrew their request in favor of Western applications, and the meeting decided in favor of Adams Co. church. Fairview church requested that if they did not get the meeting for '87, they wished their request to stand for '88.

After another season of devotion, in which all seemed to raise their hearts in gratitude to the Giver of all blessings, for this enjoyable season of pleasant deliberations and social enjoyment together, the meeting closed.

Isaac Barto, Moderator.

Geo. L. Wine, Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1887

Meeting held in the Mt. Etna church, Adams Co., Iowa, April 27, 1887.

John Thomas, moderator; Michael Herman, reading clerk; Geo. S. Wine, writing clerk.

The representation of the different local churches was as follows:

Fairview	By letter
Libertyville	By letter
Decatur	Wm. J. Stout
Pleasant Valley	Not represented
Grand River	Not represented
Mt. Etna	David Markley, John Follis
English River	C. M. Brower, Geo. S. Wine
South Keokuk	By letter
Crooked Creek	John Thomas
Nishna Valley	Jacob Royer
Irish Grove	Not represented
Middle Creek	By letter
Marion County	Jonathan Beard
Monroe County	By letter
Pleasant Ridge	Daniel McDannel

An application was presented by an organized church in Adair County, to be accepted and recognized by the Southern District of Iowa as the Adair church, and was so accepted and represented at this meeting by Michael Herman.

It was decided to adopt the present rule of Annual Meeting, viz., That if a decision cannot pass by the unanimous voice of the meeting, it shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the delegates. No other rules were adopted for the government of the

meeting, hoping that all would suffer themselves to be controlled by the Spirit of the Lord.

The following queries and other business were presented and disposed of as herein stated.

1. Inasmuch as there has been sad experience where dissatisfied or expelled members had obtained committees and then brought up and caused to be investigated, matters that had passed through the church a longer or shorter time previous to their own case, concerning which there never has been dissatisfaction manifested, will not this Annual Meeting restrict members and committees to the investigation of such matters only, as can be shown to have been the cause of continual dissatisfaction and would have a hurtful influence if left alone?

Passed to Annual Meeting with the following answer: "The Southern District of Iowa asks Annual Meeting to grant the above with the proviso, that the committee shall be the judge as to whether the evidence is sufficient to demand an investigation."

2. We, the brethren of Mt. Etna church, request the Southern District of Iowa to request Annual Meeting to appoint five or more to formulate a plan for, and establish an Old Folks' Home. The design shall be for the support and maintenance of our beloved brethren and sisters, and, as the Nazarites of old, to live an advanced, higher, spiritual life.

Answer.—Decided to defer this request indefinitely.

3. Is Art. 45, 1862, to be understood to mean that churches shall under all circumstances, grant expelled members a committee or have they the right to act according to the nature of the case and the circumstances connected with it, or has said Art. 45 been changed by later decisions? Passed to Annual Meeting.

4. From the Adair church, Iowa, to the District Meeting of Southern Iowa: Has a church organization whose territory is near the District boundary line, a right to withdraw from the District to which it geographically belongs and call for recognition in another District?

Answer.—A local church has no right to do so.

A petition was presented, asking for a committee to visit the English River church. After consideration of the same, it was submitted for decision but failing to be decided unanimously and also failing to obtain a decision by a two-thirds vote of the delegates, the matter was submitted to a committee of five brethren appointed by the meeting. In due time the committee reported that they decided to grant a committee. The report was accepted and the following brethren were appointed to visit the English River church: John Gable, Hiram Berkman and Jonathan Beard.

Eld. Isaac Barto was chosen to represent this District on the Standing Committee of the coming Annual Meeting, at Ottawa, Kans.

The Missionary Board presented their report as follows:

Amount in treasury at last report	\$35.09
Amount received during the year	5.25
Amount paid for missionary work during the year	14.57
Balance on hand	\$25.67

The following brethren were elected to constitute the Missionary Board for the ensuing year: A. H. Brower, president; Peter Brower, secretary; A. J. Wine, treasurer, all of whom can be addressed at South English, Iowa.

The brethren of the Fairview church, Appanoose County, renewed their request for the District Meeting for 1887, which was granted.

The Monroe County church requested the District Meeting for 1889, or as soon as the brethren see proper to grant it.

The English River church also requested the meeting as soon as it could be granted.

It was decided to have the minutes of this meeting printed and \$3.40 given the clerk for that purpose.

After another season of devotion and a general expression of gratitude to the Great Giver of all good, and a solemn invocation of his blessings upon the labor performed, the meeting closed.

John Thomas,
Moderator.

Geo. S. Wine,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1888

Meeting held in the Fairview church, Appanoose Co., Iowa, April 20, 1888.

Eld. John Gable, moderator; Bro. Abraham Wolf, reading clerk; Bro. Isaac H. Miller, writing clerk.

The representation of the different churches was as follows:

Fairview	Tazwell Gray, Henry Kingery
Libertyville	James Glotfelty, Willis Rodabaugh
Decatur	Not represented
Pleasant Valley	Not represented
Grand River	By letter
Mt. Etna	David Markley, S. Morton
English River	Peter Brower
South Keokuk	Not represented
Crooked Creek	Abraham Wolf

Nishna Valley	Not represented
Irish Grove	By letter
Middle Creek	John Gable
Marion County	Jonathan Beard
Monroe County	Hiram Berkman, Lewis Miller
Pleasant Ridge	Not represented

The following business was presented and disposed of as herein stated:

1. Inasmuch as we have been told at different times that we had members in the Southern District of Iowa that were living in adultery, would it not be advisable for District Meeting to consider that matter, and have some investigation made, and if such members are found who are living in adultery, to have them dealt with according to the Gospel?

Answer.—After some discussion, the query was laid over until more information can be obtained.

2. We ask District Meeting of Southern District of Iowa to amend the missionary plan, by striking out the words (minutes of 1885) "the missionary work of the District applies only where there are isolated members and no minister," and authorize the Mission Board to send suitable brethren to preach the Gospel, distribute tracts, and build up churches where there are favorable openings. Any members knowing of places where good might be done, are requested and urged to inform the board of such localities.

Answer.—Request was granted.

3. Will the brethren of the Southern District of Iowa, assembled in council, agree to demand of all applicants for membership, to lay off their hats and jewelry before they baptize them?

Answer.—It so agrees.

4. Would it not be in harmony with the spirit of the Gospel and the general order of the Brethren, when there is to be a choice for church officers, to first read the instructions of the Apostle Paul (1 Tim. 3rd chapter, also Titus 1st chapter) concerning the qualifications of church officials, by way of putting the members in remembrance of those things?

Answer.—We think it would.

5. Inasmuch as Annual Meeting has decided it to be wrong for husband and wife, when separating, to obtain a divorce and marry again as long as both parties live; is it right for members to make a marriage or infare feast for such, and also for other members to attend such a feast?

Answer.—It is not right.

6. The Fairview congregation, Appanoose Co., Iowa, petitions the District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa to petition Annual Meeting to adopt the name of "Dunkard Brethren" as a permanent name.

Answer.—Passed.

7. The Middle District of Iowa sent a request that the Southern District of Iowa coöperate in establishing an Orphans' Home as a State institution.

Decided to appoint a committee of three to confer with the Board of the Orphans' Home of the Middle District of Iowa in regard to the matter, and report to next District Meeting. Committee appointed was Brethren Peter Brower, Adam H. Brower, A. J. Wine, all of South English, Iowa.

The present Missionary Board was reelected for the coming year: A. H. Brower, president; Peter Brower, secretary; A. J. Wine, treasurer, all of South English, Keokuk Co., Iowa.

The Missionary Board made the following report:

Amount in treasury at last report	\$25.67
Amount received during the year	7.46
Expended during the year	10.70
Balance on hand	\$22.43

The report was accepted.

In accordance with Art. 21, Minutes of Annual Meeting of 1886, the meeting selected Eld. John Gable to act as a general missionary, subject to the choice of the General Church Erection and Missionary Committee.

Motioned, That a committee of three elders be appointed to coöperate with the Fairview church, in order to investigate the trouble in the Pleasant Valley congregation. Elders Lewis Kob, John Gable and Hiram Berkman were appointed as such committee.

A request was presented by Bro. J. Beard to raise the principal on a security note held by Sister Settle against Bro. David Sink, deceased. Deferred indefinitely.

Eld. John Gable was chosen to represent the District on the Standing Committee of the coming Annual Meeting, at North Manchester, Ind.

Decided to have the minutes of this meeting printed, and \$3.05 given for that purpose.

The English River church renewed their request for the District Meeting for 1889, which was granted.

The meeting was characterized by love, and a Christian spirit manifested during the session. After a season of devotion and thanks to the Great Giver of all blessings, the meeting closed.

John Gable,
Moderator.

Isaac H. Miller,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1889

Meeting held in the English River congregation, Keokuk Co., Iowa, April 26, 1889.

Isaac Barto, moderator; Abraham Wolf, reading clerk; and George S. Wine, writing clerk.

The representation of the churches composing the District was found to be as follows:

Fairview	Joseph Zook, Henry Whistler
Libertyville	Ellis Peebler, Abraham Wolf
Decatur	By letter
English River	Noah Miller, Geo. S. Wine
South Keokuk	Isaac Shelly, Isaac Brown
Crooked Creek	A. Sanger, D. P. Miller
Middle Creek	John Gable, B. F. Gillam
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto
Mt. Etna	By letter
Adair	By letter
Grand River	Not represented
Irish Grove	Not represented
Nishna Valley	Not represented

The following business came before the meeting and was considered, apparently, in the fear of the Lord, and disposed of as herein stated:

1. We ask the advice of Annual Meeting through District Meeting upon the following: Would it not be more in harmony with the Gospel and order of the church for brethren in conducting regular appointments or series of meetings to use the brethren's selections of hymns instead of introducing "Gospel Hymns" or other selections? The motion to pass this to Annual Meeting was lost.

2. Will the District Meeting of Southern Iowa petition Annual Meeting to reconsider Art. 19 of 1874, and adopt the decision of Annual Meeting, Art. 4, 1873?

Answer.—The Southern District of Iowa so petitions.

3. Is it right for brethren and sisters to take part in the getting up of, or to attend such things as, birthday dinners (or parties as they are called) or anniversary weddings?

Answer.—We refer our members to the decisions of Annual Meeting, the latest of which is Art. 8, 1884, and reads as follows: "No, not right, as the principles of the Gospel (Luke 14: 13) are almost universally violated."

4. Would it not be more in harmony with the Gospel (see 1 Cor. 11) if sisters would more generally wear the covering adopted by the church wherever prayer is offered and blessings asked?

Answer.—We have several decisions of Annual Meeting on similar queries, the latest of which reads thus: We consider it the duty of all the sisters to have on a plain covering at the time of worship.

5. Is it right for members of the church while attending meetings of other denominations to rise when the request is made for all who are Christians to rise to their feet?

Answer.—Not right. See 2 John 10, 11. (Passed to Annual Meeting.)

6. Is it considered right for brethren to belong to the organization known as the "Farmers' Alliance"?

Answer.—Decision of Annual Meeting reads as follows: Not consistent with the Gospel to unite with any organization of the world, and any member that will not abandon it after being admonished so to do shall be dealt with according to Matt. 18.

The committee appointed at last District Meeting to confer with the Board of the Orphans' Home movement of the Middle District of Iowa, reported that the matter was dropped by the Middle District; consequently, there is now no work of that kind in progress.

The Missionary Board made the following report:

Amount on hand	\$22.43
Received during the year	19.92
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Total	\$42.35
Expended in the year	27.38
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Balance on hand	\$14.97

Bro. Isaac Barto was elected evangelist subject to the call of the General Church Erection and Missionary Committee.

The present Missionary Board, consisting of A. H. Brower, president; Peter Brower, secretary; and A. J. Wine, treasurer, all of South English, Keokuk County, were reelected for the ensuing year.

Eld. Samuel Flory was chosen to represent the District on the Standing Committee at the coming Annual Meeting.

The following requests for the District Meeting of 1890 were presented, one from Monroe, and one from Middle Creek, and granted to Monroe church.

The Mt. Etna church also requested the District Meeting but did not designate the year.

The meeting decided to establish a District fund in connection with the missionary fund, and consider it all one fund for any expenses incurred by the District.

The meeting was closed with devotional exercises.

Geo. S. Wine,
Clerk.

Isaac Barto,
Moderator.

MINUTES OF 1890

Meeting held in the Monroe County church, Monroe County, Iowa, April 4, 1890.

Eld. John Gable, moderator; Abraham Wolf, reading clerk; S. W. Funk, writing clerk.

The representation of the different local churches was as follows:

Fairview	Jacob Hawn and Frederick Koehler
Libertyville	D. E. Rodabaugh and Abraham Wolf
Decatur	Lewis M. Kob
Grand River	M. Myers
Mt. Etna	David Markley
English River	Abraham Flory
South Keokuk	Isaac Shelly
Crooked Creek	John Thomas
Nishna Valley	Isaac Barto
Irish Grove	Nelson Folger
Middle Creek	S. P. Miller and John Gable
Marion County	By letter
Monroe County	Lewis Miller and John Follis
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto
Adair County	Not represented

The following queries and other business were presented and disposed of as herein stated:

1. Is it according to the teaching of the Gospel, or the order of the church, for elders to anoint sick persons outside of the church, if they are called upon to do so? If not right, what is to be done when elders do so?

Answer.—No. It is not according to the teaching of the Gospel (James 5: 13-15), nor according to the order of the church, and brethren who engage in such should make satisfactory acknowledgment to the church and promise to do so no more.

2. As the merging of the mission fund and the General District fund into one has, to a certain extent, been a hindrance to mission work, by requiring money to be used for other purposes, that was intended for mission work, will the District Meeting of

Southern Iowa reconsider its work of last year, relative to that matter, and amend the same by having separate funds?

Answer.—Reconsidered, and adopted the former rules, according to request.

The former Missionary Board was retained, with the exception of A. J. Wine, who has removed to Texas, and J. B. Flory was appointed to fill the vacancy. A. H. Brower, president; Peter Brower, secretary; J. B. Flory, treasurer; all of South Engiish, Keokuk Co., Iowa.

Eld. Hiram Berkman was chosen to represent this District on the Standing Committee of the coming Annual Meeting at Warrensburg, Mo.

Michael Myers was appointed by the District Meeting to act as missionary, subject to call of General Mission Board.

The Missionary Board presented their report as follows:

Amount in treasury at last report	\$14.97
Amount received during the year	24.43
Amount expended during the year	\$36.33

Balance on hand .....	\$ 3.07

The estimated amount to pay the expenses of the delegate to Annual Meeting was apportioned to the churches as follows:

Libertyville	\$2.15	South Keokuk	\$1.00
Fairview	1.75	Irish Grove .....	.25
Grand River .....	.75	Monroe County	1.75
Mt. Etna	1.00	Middle Creek	1.00
Crooked Creek	1.35	Pleasant Ridge .....	.60
English River	2.50	Nishna Valley .....	.60
Decatur	2.00	Marion County .....	.60
Adair County	\$.75		

It is expected that the churches will forward the amount apportioned to them respectively, without further notice, to Hiram Berkman, Fredric, Monroe County, Iowa.

It was further decided that the clerk of the Missionary Board write to the clerk of the Annual Meeting and ascertain the price per copy of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, and report the same to Southern District of Iowa through the Messenger.

The brethren of the Mt. Etna church, Adams County, renewed their request for the District Meeting for 1891, which was granted.

The meeting was characterized by love, and a Christian spirit was manifested during the session. After a season of devotion and thanks to the Great Giver of all blessings, the meeting closed.

John Gable,

Moderator.

S. W. Funk,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1891

Meeting held in the Mt. Etna church, Adams County, April 17, 1891.

Hiram Berkman, moderator; Isaac Barto, reading clerk; Geo. S. Wine, writing clerk. The churches comprising the District were represented as follows:

Fairview	By letter
Libertyville	James Glotfelty
English River	Jos. Sniteman
Crooked Creek	A. Sanger
Middle Creek	J. Gable, S. P. Miller
South Keokuk	Not represented
Monroe County	Hiram Berkman
Marion County	By letter
Irish Grove	W. W. Folger
Decatur	Not represented
Mt. Etna	D. Markley, D. Kingery
Grand River	M. Myers
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Adair	By letter

The following business came before the meeting and was considered and acted upon as herein stated:

1. Is it consistent with the Word of God for the brethren to withhold the use of their meeting houses from other denominations (except for funerals) when at the same time they will secure and hold meetings in the meeting houses belonging to other denominations?

Answer.—It is not consistent.

2. What will the brethren of the Southern District of Iowa say in regard to the elders ordaining brethren contrary to the decision of the A. M. of 1890, Art. 16?

Answer.—Brethren doing such work shall make satisfactory acknowledgment and their work considered null and void.

The report of the Missionary Board was read and accepted, a condensed statement of which is as follows:

Amount on hand at last report	\$ 3.07
Received during year	20.66
Expended during year	2.97
Balance on hand	20.76

General District Funds

Total receipts	\$2.77
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Paid for A. M. minutes	2.02
Balance on hand75

J. B. Flory, Treasurer.

Eld. John Gable was elected as our representative on Standing Committee of the approaching Annual Meeting.

It was estimated that \$35 would be required to defray expenses of said delegate and by the suggestion of the Mission Board a small sum was added to place in the District treasury to pay our quota of the expenses of the General Brotherhood.

It was decided to have the minutes of this meeting printed and \$2.70 was given to the clerk for that purpose.

The Middle Creek church requested the District Meeting for 1892, which was granted.

The Libertyville church made a request for the meeting in 1893.

The meeting was closed with a season of thanksgiving to God for his goodness and an invocation of his blessing upon the labor performed.

Hiram Berkman, Moderator.

Geo. S. Wine, Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1892 (SPRING MEETING)

Meeting held in the Middle Creek church, Mahaska County, Iowa, March 25, 1892.

Isaac Barto, moderator; Adam Brower, reading clerk; James Glotfelty, writing clerk. The churches of the District were then called and were represented as follows by the churches:

Fairview	Daniel Zook, J. W. Hawn
Libertyville	James Glotfelty, Ellis Peebler
English River	J. B. Flory, C. M. Brower
Crooked Creek	John Fesler
Middle Creek	George Pfoutz, W. H. McMane
South Keokuk	Isaac Shelly
Monroe County	Lewis Miller
Marion County	Not represented
Irish Grove	By letter
Decatur County	Not represented
Mt. Etna and Grand River	M. Myers
Pleasant Ridge and Nishna Valley	Isaac Barto
Adair	Not represented

The business which came before the meeting was disposed of as follows:

- When ministers are needed in a church should the officials

only be consulted, or the whole body in regard to such choice?

Answer.—Decided to make no change, counsel the officials then the membership.

2. Would it not be advisable for the elders assembled at District Meeting of 1892 to consider the need of more elders throughout the Southern District of Iowa and make arrangements to have more brethren ordained to that office?

Answer.—It is the desire of this meeting that the elders would use their influence to have brethren ordained to the eldership whenever it can be done agreeable to the rules of the church.

5. Petition presented to change the time of holding District Meeting from spring to fall of year.

Answer.—Petition granted and the 7th day of October, 1892, was set for our next D. M., commencing at 9 o'clock A. M., on said day.

Report of District Mission Board was read and accepted, a condensed statement which is as follows:

Missionary Fund

Amount on hand at last report	\$ 20.76
Received during the year	11.65
Expended during the year	6.10
Balance on hand	26.31

General District Fund

Amount on hand at last report	\$.75
Received during year	5.75
Expended during the year	8.74
Amount of indebtedness	2.24

It was decided to represent the District on Standing Committee by delegate and Bro. Samuel Flory was elected said delegate. The clerk has been authorized to have minutes of D. M. printed and distributed among the several churches, and said expense to be paid out of the District fund.

District Treasurer, J. B. Flory, South English, Iowa.

Crooked Creek church requested District Meeting in the fall of 1892. Granted.

The present Mission Board was continued for the ensuing year, and should be addressed same as the District treasurer.

MINUTES OF 1892 (FALL MEETING)

Meeting held in the Crooked Creek church, Washington County, Iowa, Oct. 7, 1892.

Eld. John Gable, moderator; Abram Wolf, reading clerk; James

Glotfelty, writing clerk. The churches of the District were represented as follows:

Fairview	O. Ogden
Libertyville	Abram Wolf, James Glotfelty
English River	Henry Coffman, S. F. Brower
Crooked Creek	D. P. Miller, Anthony Sanger
Middle Creek	John Gable, Frank Gillam
South Keokuk	Chas. Wonderlich, Isaac Brown
Monroe Co.	By letter
Marion Co.	Not represented
South River	By letter
Decatur Co.	By letter
Mt. Etna	M. Myers
Pleasant Ridge and Nishna Valley	By letter
Adair	Not represented

1. A paper was read requesting this meeting to appoint and hold a Ministeral Meeting in connection with the District Meeting.

Answer.—Request granted and Abram Wolf, John Follis and Chris. Brower were appointed a committee to prepare program for said meeting.

2. If the brethren of this District Meeting think it in accordance with God's Word for the sisters to wear their prayer coverings when they are at the table, while thanks are being offered, will they ask Annual Meeting to charge the elders to frequently admonish the sisters on the subject?

Answer.—It is right to so wear the covering and paper is sent to Annual Meeting.

3. Has the Mission Board of Southern District of Iowa a right to call a minister to do mission work in said District who does not live in Southern District?

Answer.—Yes.

4. A petition from the South Keokuk church for some plan to secure more preaching for isolated churches and members.

Answer.—Left to ministers of adjoining churches and Mission Board.

5. A request by the Irish Grove church that their name be changed to South River church.

Answer.—Name changed.

6. A petition from the Crooked Creek church that a committee be appointed to confer with the Middle and Northern Districts of Iowa for the purpose of building an Old Folks' Home for members of the church in the State of Iowa.

Answer.—Petition granted and the brethren composing the Mission Board were appointed said committee.

7. Report of Mission Board was heard and approved. Said report shows Mission fund expended during the year nothing;	
Amount on hand	\$28.06
General District fund, on hand and received	23.05
Paid out	17.84
Leaving	5.21

District Treasurer, J. B. Flory, South English, Iowa.

The Mission Board was reorganized by reappointing A. H. Brower, president; J. B. Flory, treasurer; H. C. N. Coffman, secretary. Their address is South English, Iowa.

Eld. John Gable was chosen to represent this District on Standing Committee at Annual Meeting; Eld. M. Myers as alternate.

Requests for District and Ministerial Meeting for 1893 were made by Libertyville and South River churches. Meeting was granted to South River church; same is to be held on Thursday and Friday before full moon in October, 1893. Ministerial Meeting on Thursday and District Meeting on Friday. After a season of devotion the meeting adjourned.

John Gable,
Moderator.

James Glotfelty,
Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1893

Meeting held in the South River church, Madison County, Iowa, Oct. 20, 1893.

Eld. Samuel Flory, moderator; H. A. Whisler, writing clerk; Peter Brower, reading clerk. The different congregations of the Districts were represented as follows:

Fairview	H. A. Whisler
Libertyville	James Glotfelty
English River	H. C. N. Coffman, Peter Brower
Crooked Creek	Anthony Sanger
Middle Creek	S. P. Miller, Jno. Gable
South Keokuk	By letter
Monroe Co.	Not represented
Marion Co.	Not represented
South River	W. G. Caskey, W. W. Folger
Decatur Co.	W. J. Stout
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery, A. F. Thomas
Pleasant Ridge	Isaac Barto
Nishna Valley	Daniel Zook
Adair	Not represented

A request was made to consolidate Pleasant Ridge and Nishna Valley churches into one church, which shall be called Nishna Valley church. Request granted.

Two papers were read requesting District Meeting to require delegates to District Meeting to be in the order of the Brethren.

Answer.—It so required and we hereafter shall appoint a committee on credentials.

Inasmuch as there is some dissatisfaction in our District, owing to the fact that the sisters are restricted the order, while in some instances brethren are permitted to wear unbecoming apparel; will not this meeting instruct the church officials throughout the District to be more careful and have the brethren, as well as the sisters, observe the order?

Answer.—The paper is passed.

In answer to the queries requesting that the District Meeting adopt measures to improve the missionary work of the District: this meeting asks each local church, through its officials, to raise at least fifty cents per member for the ensuing year, and forward the same to the District treasurer to be used in missionary work in the District.

The report of the Mission Board shows that the monies on hand and received for the year amounted to	\$42.11
Paid out for mission work	17.86
Balance on hand	24.25
Number of sermons preached	34
Number of persons baptized	4

The Mission Board was reorganized by reappointing A. H. Brower, president; J. B. Flory, treasurer; and H. C. N. Coffman, secretary, all of South English, Iowa.

District Treasurer's Report

On hand at last report	\$ 5.21
On hand of levy made at D. M.	32.50
Received of a brother .....	.25
Total	37.96
Expenses for D. M. reports	3.00
Jno. Gable, delegate on Standing Committee	20.28
Expenses for 370 A. M. minutes	7.40
Total	30.68
Balance on hand	7.28

District Treasurer, J. B. Flory, South English, Iowa.

Elders Jno. Cable and Dan'l Zook were authorized to look after the members in Page and Taylor Counties, and, if in their judgment they think proper, to organize said members into a church.

A motion was passed that the church in which the Ministerial Meeting for 1894 shall be held, shall appoint a committee to make out a program for said meeting. Said committee to solicit topics from the different churches, and it is the privilege and duty of the churches to send in topics to the elder of the church at the place of said meeting.

Eld. A. Wolf was chosen to represent this District on Standing Committee; Eld. Isaac Barto as alternate.

Request for District and Ministerial Meetings for 1894 was made by the Libertyville church. Request granted. Said meetings shall be held Thursday and Friday before full moon in October, 1894. Ministerial meeting on Thursday, and D. M. on Friday.

Request for D. M. for 1895 was made by Decatur County church.

After devotional exercises the meeting adjourned.

Samuel Flory, Moderator.

H. A. Whisler, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1894

Meeting held in the Libertyville church, Jefferson County, Iowa, Oct. 12, 1894.

Eld. John Gable, moderator; H. A. Whisler, writing clerk; and Peter Brower, reading clerk.

The churches were represented as follows:

Fairview	H. A. Whisler, Minnie Whisler
Libertyville	Wm. Glotfelty, W. Rodabaugh
English River	Peter Brower, H. C. N. Coffman
Crooked Creek	Anthony Sanger
Middle Creek	John Gable
South Keokuk	Isaac Brown, F. H. Heilman
Monroe County	J. M. Follis
Marion County	Not represented
South River	W. W. Folger
Franklin	W. J. Stout
Mt. Etna	John P. Bailey
Nishna Valley	Daniel Zook
Adair	Not represented
East Nodaway	M. Myers

The business of the meeting was taken up and disposed of as follows:

1. A request was made that an evangelist be employed at once, or as soon as possible, to devote all or as much as possible of his time to missionary work in this District, among weak

churches, isolated members, and wherever an opening may be found.

Answer.—We recommend this paper to the District Mission Board, and urge that they carry it out. We also perpetuate our decision of last District Meeting, that each local church, through its officials, raise at least 50 cents per member for each ensuing year, and forward the same to the District treasurer.

2. Is it right for members, and especially ministers, to attend fairs, celebrations, etc.? And if not, what course should be taken to prevent it?

Answer.—It is not right, and members continuing to attend after being admonished different times should be dealt with as transgressors. See Tit. 3: 10; Matt. 18: 17; 1 Cor. 10: 31.

3. A request was made that a tabulated report, as below, be made yearly, and placed on the minutes, in order to ascertain the spiritual welfare of the several churches. The information for such report to be sent by each church through its delegate to District Meeting. The form to be as follows:

Number of members.	Number of Sunday-schools.
Number of ministers.	Number of additions.
Number of elders.	Number reclaimed.
Number of appointments.	Working order of the church.

Answer.—Passed.

4. A request was made to have enough Minutes of District Meeting printed that each family in the District may have one.

Answer.—Passed.

5. Inasmuch as Annual Meeting has decided that delegates to Annual and District Meetings shall conform to the order of the church in wearing apparel, hair, etc., we petition Annual Meeting to require the same of brethren officiating at communion and preaching services.

Answer.—Passed to Annual Meeting.

6. The "Old Folks' Home Project" was voted down.

7. On motion it was decided to send a letter of greeting to the Adair church, signed in behalf of the District by the moderator and writing clerk.

8. Missionary Report:

Balance on hand, \$24.25; total receipts, \$167.46; total expenses, \$93.69; balance on hand, \$73.77. Whole number of sermons preached, 95; number baptized, 2; one reclaimed; a church organized in Page County, to be called the East Nodaway church.

H. C. N. Coffman, Secretary.

9. District Treasurer's Report.

I. Receipts

On hand at last report	\$ 7.28
Of levy made by last District Meeting	35.00
Total	\$42.28

II. Expenses

For District Meeting minutes	\$ 3.00
Publishing "Old Folks' Home Project"	1.55
A. Wolf, delegate to Annual Meeting	28.78
Four hundred Annual Meeting minutes	8.00
Total	\$41.33
Balance on hand .....	.95

District Treasurer, J. B. Flory, South English, Iowa.

10. The District Mission Board was reorganized by reëlecting A. H. Brower, president; H. C. N. Coffman, secretary, and J. B. Flory, treasurer.

11. J. B. Flory was reëlected District Treasurer.

12. On motion it was decided to hold the next Ministerial and District Meetings in the Franklin church, Decatur County, Iowa, on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October, 1895. Ministerial Meeting on Thursday and District Meeting on Friday.

13. Eld. John Gable was elected delegate on Standing Committee, and Eld. J. M. Follis alternate for 1895.

14. By request of M. Myers, letters of recommendation were granted to M. Myers and wife; also Mary Luckey and Sister Isaac Johnson.

Devotional exercises closed the meeting.

John Gable, Moderator,
Peter Brower, Reading Clerk,
H. A. Whisler, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1895

Meeting held in the Franklin church, Decatur County, Iowa, Sept. 27, 1895.

Eld. Abraham Wolf, moderator; Peter Brower, writing clerk; and Eld. John Follis, reading clerk.

The churches were represented as follows:

Fairview Martin Replogle

Libertyville	Wm. Glotfelty, A. Wolf
English River	S. F. Niswander, J. B. Flory
Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
Middle Creek	Not represented
South Keokuk	John Gable
Monroe County	J. M. Folis
Marion County	Not represented
South River	W. W. Folger, Jacob Keffer
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Mt. Etna	John P. Bailey
Nishna Valley	M. Myers
Adair	Not represented
East Nodaway	Not represented

The business of the meeting was then taken up and disposed of as follows:

1. We, the Mission Board of the Southern District of Iowa, seeing it is necessary that one of them attend District Meeting in order to make a full report of work done, and means on hand, petition District Meeting to bear the expense of one of said board to District Meeting after this year.
2. The Libertyville church asks District Meeting that a missionary evangelist be elected by a vote of delegates of the District Meeting. Said evangelist to be endorsed by his home church, and to spend as much time as possible in the mission work of the District, and to work under the instructions of the District Board, who are to be governed by and be responsible to District Meeting for work done.
3. The following was drawn up to take the place of our former tabulated report: Number of members; number of ministers in first degree; number of ministers in second degree; number of elders; number of deacons; number of places of appointment; number of appointments; number of appointments per month; number of evergreen Sunday-schools; number of summer Sunday-schools; number of additions by baptism; number of additions by letter; number reclaimed. Passed.
4. The Adair church being rather inactive, not representing at District Meeting for many years, it was, on motion, decided to send them a committee of two elders and to invite Eld. J. D. Haughelin from the Middle District, who has the oversight of that church now. The three to labor with them, and try to get them under the oversight of an elder in this District.

Tabulated Report of Churches

Name of the Church	Number of Members	Number of Ministers	Number of Elders	No. of Appointments	No. of Sunday-Schools	No. of Additions	Number Reclaimed	Working Order of the Church
Fairview	104	4	2	5		12	1	Good
Libertyville	156	6	2	14	2	12	1	Good
English River	177	4	2	3	2	24	0	Good
Crooked Creek	28	1	0	2	0	1	1	Good
Middle Creek								
South Keokuk	52	0	1	7	1	4	0	Fair
Monroe County	81	1	2	5	1	4	1	Good
Marion County								
South River	30	1	0	1	1	1	1	Good
Franklin	60	0	2	1	1	0	0	Fair
Mt. Etna								
Nishna Valley								
Adair								
East Nodaway								

5. Missionary Report.

I. Receipts

Balance on hand	\$ 73.77
English River church	83.66
Fairview church	18.15
Libertyville church	36.00
South Keokuk church	9.01
Nishna Valley	2.90
Louisa County	6.03
Isaac E. Wells	1.00
M. Myers	2.10
Jacob Royer and wife	5.95
A. Caldwell .....	.50
Henry Bonney	1.50
John P. Bailey and wife	1.00
L. M. Kob .....	.50
Crooked Creek church	16.80
Monroe County,	8.75

Middle Creek church	4.20
Franklin church	2.00
Mankin Wray	1.00
South River	4.25
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Total	\$279.07

II. Expenses

J. M. Follis to Lucas County	\$ 21.37
M. Myers to Prescott	25.59
M. Myers to New Market	22.45
M. Myers to Knowlton	6.54
M. Myers to Essex	6.00
M. Myers to Taylor and Page Counties	11.10
M. Myers to Cass County	2.42
A. Wolf to Louisa County	6.03
A. Wolf to Lucas County	1.85
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Total	\$103.35
Balance on hand	175.72

III. Sermons Preached

J. M. Follis, in Lucas County	18
M. Myers, in Prescott	42
M. Myers, in Page County	10
M. Myers, in Taylor County	20
M. Myers, in Essex	14
M. Myers, in Knowlton	9
Abraham Wolf, in Louisa County	7
Abraham Wolf, in Lucas County	3
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Total	123

H. C. N. Coffman, Secretary.

6. District Treasurer's Report.

I. Receipts

On hand at last report	\$.95
Levy at last District Meeting	28.00
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Total	\$28.95

II. Expenses

Four hundred District Meeting Minutes	\$ 4.60
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Eld. John Gable, delegate to Annual Meeting	14.50
Three hundred and ninety-one Annual Meeting Minutes	7.82
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Total	\$26.92
Balance on hand	2.03

J. B. Flory, Treasurer.

7. The District Mission Board was reorganized by electing A. H. Brower, president; J. D. Coffman, secretary, and J. B. Flory, treasurer. Address: South English, Iowa.

8. J. B. Flory was reelected District treasurer.

9. Requests for Ministerial and District Meetings from the South Keokuk and English River congregations, on motion, decided to hold the next Ministerial and District Meetings in the South Keokuk church, Keokuk Co., Iowa, on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October, 1896. Ministerial Meeting on Thursday and District Meeting on Friday.

10. Eld. John M. Follis was elected delegate on Standing Committee, and Eld. J. P. Bailey, alternate, for 1896.

11. District evangelist, according to Art. 5, Peter Brower; alternate, J. M. Follis.

12. Eld. John Follis stated that he had been chosen as elder of the Middle Creek church, and had not accepted. He desired this meeting to appoint some one else. On motion it was decided that Bro. John take charge of them as elder.

13. Committee to Adair church, Adair Co., Iowa: L. M. Kob and John P. Bailey. Committee to draw up plan for No. 2, J. B. Flory, S. F. Niswander. Committee to draw up tabulated report No. 6, D. F. Kingery, S. F. Niswander.

After a season of devotion the meeting closed.

Abraham Wolf, Moderator,
John Follis, Reading Clerk,
Peter Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1896

Meeting held in the South Keokuk church, Oct. 16, 1896.

Eld. John P. Bailey, moderator; Peter Brower, reading clerk; S. F. Brower, writing clerk.

The reading clerk read Acts 15: 1-33, after which the churches were called and responded as follows:

Fairview	Orlando Ogden
Libertyville	Ellis Peebler, Daniel Holder
English River	Jos. Sniteman, J. W. Borden
Crooked Creek	A. Sanger, S. L. Burger
Middle Creek	Not represented

South Keokuk	John Gable, Elizabeth Gable
Monroe County	Willis Rodabaugh
Marion County	Not represented
South River	By letter
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Mt. Etna	John P. Bailey
Nishna Valley	M. Myers
Adair	Not represented
East Nodaway	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh, Jos. Gilchrist

1. Bro. A. Wolf makes a statement of a division of church in Jefferson County last May. District Meeting ratifies the work, the name to be Pleasant Hill church.

2. Bro. M. Myers makes a statement that members "lettered themselves off" at Adair. Meeting set that work aside. Brethren M. Myers and J. P. Bailey to attend to adjusting matters.

3. Will the Southern District of Iowa restrict her members from having Sunday-school conventions in her meetinghouses, or representing by delegate at other places, and otherwise taking part with them? Rom. 12: 2. See also Minutes of Annual Meeting of 1882, Art. 22; also 1888 and 1893. Decided to stand by decisions of Annual Meeting.

4. Does the District consider it best for ministers to attend prayer meetings where such meetings are held, or would it be best to leave such services to the deacons and laity? Answer.—The ministry should attend such meetings.

5. How shall we deal with brethren in the first and second degree that heed not the decision of Annual Meeting and the Gospel that are so plain, James 5: 14, 15, but take it on themselves and anoint members when elders could be obtained handily to do the work?

Answer.—Decided to stand by decisions of Annual Meeting, and such violators to be admonished, and if they continue, to be dealt with as transgressors according to Matt. 18.

6. How does the Southern District of Iowa look upon the use of organs where we have meetings at outposts, and also closing meetings different from the regular order of the church? Answer.—Decided that brethren should try to adhere to the order of the church.

7. The Libertyville church asks District Meeting that No. 5 of Minutes of 1895, be amended by inserting after the word "elect," the word yearly. Passed, and churches to instruct their delegates whom to vote for as evangelist.

8. Franklin church, Decatur Co., Iowa, in council assembled, ask District Meeting to say whether it is still considered the duty of Christians to fast? Answer.—Yes. See Mark 2: 19, 20 and Matt. 6: 16-18.

9. English River congregation and Mt. Etna congregation request Ministerial and District Meeting for 1897, or as soon thereafter as they can get it. Decided by vote to hold next Ministerial and District Meeting with the English River congregation, on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October.

10. Bro. A. Wolf made a statement concerning the Middle Creek church, showing them to be out of order. The elders appointed Elders A. Wolf and L. M. Kob to go there with Eld. John Follis to adjust matters. Passed.

11. Bro. A. Wolf mentions the condition of the members in Louisa County, and wishes to be relieved of the oversight, etc. Decided that Bro. A. Wolf retain the oversight and that the Mission Board give assistance in the work.

12. Tabulated Report of the Churches

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Min. 1st De,	No. Min. 2nd. De.	No. Elders	Places of Ap.	No. Appoint's.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.	Summer S. S.	Add'ds. by Bap.	Add'ds. by Letter	Reclaimed
Fairview	100	0	5	2	4	4120	5	1	4	0	0	3
Libertyville	104	1	4	1	5	3	8		1	5	3	0
English River	184	1	3	2	9	3135	5	2	0	11	0	0
Crooked Creek	28	0	1	0	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
Middle Creek												
South Keokuk	50	0	0	1	4	2	7	1	0	0	3	0
Monroe County	78	1	0	2	4	5135	7	1	0	3	2	1
Marion County												
South River	29	0	2	0			4	2	0	0	3	0
Franklin	60	0	0	2	4	2	3	1	0	4	6	
Mt. Etna	65	3	1	2	6	5150	9	1	1	14	4	1
Nishna Valley	14	0	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	2	2	0
Adair												
East Nodaway	45	1	1	1		1	4		1		1	
Pleasant Hill												

13. Missionary Report:

Receipts on hand at last report, \$175.72; total receipts, \$358.77; expenses, \$140.82; balance on hand, \$217.95.

Sermons preached, 173; number baptized, 4; number anointed, 1.

J. D. Coffman, Secretary.

14. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts

On hand at last report	\$ 2.03
Received from levy at last District Meeting	27.20
Total	\$29.23

Expenses

360 District Meeting Minutes	\$ 3.75
348 Annual Meeting Minutes	6.96
J. M. Follis, delegate on Standing Committee	12.11
Total	\$22.82
Balance on hand	\$ 6.41
Unpaid from levy of last meeting .....	.80
J. B. Flory, Treasurer, South English, Iowa.	

15. Brethren A. H. Brower, foreman; J. D. Coffman, secretary; and J. B. Flory, treasurer, continue as Mission Board another year. Address, South English, Iowa.

17. Eld. L. M. Kob was chosen delegate on Standing Committee, with Eld. John P. Bailey as alternate.

18. Bro. Peter Brower was chosen District evangelist for one year, with Eld. A. Wolf as alternate. After a season of devotion the meeting closed.

John P. Bailey, Moderator.

Peter Brower, Reading Clerk.

S. F. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1897

Meeting held in the English River church, Oct. 8, 1897.

Moderator, Eld. L. M. Kob; reading clerk, A. Sanger, writing clerk, S. F. Brower.

After the reading of Acts 15 the churches were called and responded as follows:

Fairview	M. Reogle, J. H. Kellar
Libertyville	W. N. Glotfely, Jos. Burger
English River	J. B. Flory, J. D. Coffman
Crooked Creek	D. Rittenhouse, S. L. Burger
Middle Creek	S. P. Miller
South Keokuk	F. Gillam, F. H. Heilman
Monroe County	J. J. Miller
Marion County	Not represented

South River	J. P. Bailey
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Mt. Etna	D. Sink, A. Simpson
Nishna Valley	Not represented
East Nodaway	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	Jas. Glotfelty, E. G. Rodabaugh

Queries were then taken up and disposed of as follows:

1. Is it right, or according to the Scriptures, or order of the Brethren, for a brother or sister to attend or take part in a soldiers' reunion, where they tolerate all worldly sports, such as dancing and merry-go-rounds? Or is it right for a brother to lease his land or any part thereof for such things mentioned above?

Answer.—No; not right to attend such places or encourage such evils by allowing their land, etc., to be used for such purposes.

2. Is it right for brethren and sisters to make or attend birthday dinners, ice-cream suppers or surprise parties? Answer.—Wrong; see Luke 14: 12-15, and Minutes of Annual Meeting, 1884, Art. 8.

3. This came from Coon River church, Middle Iowa, relative to Adair church. Answer.—We send two elders there to set in order things that are wanting and do with them what they, in their judgment, think best. Elders appointed: J. P. Bailey and L. M. Kob.

4. The South Keokuk church requests District Meeting to encourage the work of Sunday-schools throughout the District. Answer.—All our members should take a deep interest in this work and use their influence to get others interested. We further authorize our ministers to organize Sunday-schools wherever practicable.

5. We ask District Meeting of 1897 to amend our home mission plan as follows: The board shall not be confined to helping isolated members, weak churches, etc., but have the right to do work anywhere in the District, and in any way they think will be beneficial. Answer.—Passed.

6. Tabulated report of the churches.

(See next page for this report.)

7. District Mission Board's Report:

Receipts on hand at last report, \$217.95; total, \$421.69. Expenses, \$148.38; balance on hand, \$273.31.

Sermons preached, 131; number baptized, 5; applicants for baptism, 2.

J. D. Coffman, Secretary.

6. Tabulated Report of the Churches

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Min. 1st De.	No. Min. 2nd De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoint's.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.	Summer S. S.	Add's. by Bap.	Add's. by Letter	Reclaimed
Fairview	100	0	5	2	3	3	100	6	1	0	0	6	0
Libertyville	108	1	4	1	5	4	110	8	1	0	6	0	0
English River	177	1	3	2	9	4	75	6	2	0	1	2	1
Crooked Creek	25	0	1	0	2	2	50	3	0	1	1	0	0
Middle Creek	35	0	1	0	4	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
South Keokuk	55	0	0	1	4	2	111	7	1	0	6	0	0
Monroe County	75	1	0	2	4	3	100	4	1	1	13	0	0
Marion County													
South River	31		2		3	2		2	2	1	3	3	0
Franklin	53	0	0	2	5	1	62	2	0	1	3	0	0
Mt. Etna	75	2	1	2	7	3	120	8	2	0	8	0	1
Nishna Valley													
East Nodaway													
Pleasant Hill	45	2	0	2	6	1	60	4	0	1	1	0	0

8. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts

On hand at last report \$ 6.41
 Received from levy at last District Meeting 46.75

Total \$53.16

Expenses

Total, \$58.08
 District in debt 4.92
 Unpaid from levy of last District Meeting 1.00
 J. B. Flory, Treasurer.

9. Decided to send a delegate on Standing Committee for 1898. Delegate, J. P. Bailey; alternate, J. Gable.

10. Election of District evangelist. Evangelist, P. Brower; alternates, A. Sanger, C. M. Brower and A. Wolf.

11. District Mission Board for ensuing year: A. H. Brower, president; J. B. Flory, treasurer; J. D. Coffman, secretary. Address, South English, Iowa.

12. District treasurer for ensuing year, J. B. Flory; address, South English, Iowa.

13. Ministérial and District Meeting for 1898 to be held in

the Fairview church, Appanoose Co., Iowa, on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October.

14. Committee to Middle Creek church, according to No. 10, of 1896, made their report. Report accepted and committee relieved.

15. Explanations were made concerning No. 5, of 1896, which were accepted.

After closing exercises the meeting adjourned.

L. M. Kob, Moderator.

A. Sanger, Reading Clerk.

S. F. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1898

Meeting held in the Fairview church, Oct. 28, 1898.

Moderator, Eld. C. M. Brower; writing clerk, S. F. Brower; reading clerk, Peter Brower.

The churches responded as follows:

Fairview	O. Ogden
Libertyville	A. Wolf, Hannah Jacobson
English River	S. F. Niswander, J. W. Borden
Crooked Creek	A. Sanger
Middle Creek	Not represented
South Keokuk	F. Gillam
Monroe County	H. Berkman, J. J. Miller
Marion County	Not represented
South River	C. C. Stemen and wife
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Mt. Etna	A. P. Simpson, D. F. Kingery
Nishna Valley	Not represented
East Nodaway	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh, Victor Anderson

Queries and Their Disposal

1. Does District Meeting of 1898 approve of members being appointed to serve as delegates to District Meeting, or should only such serve that are elected by the church?

Answer.—Only such shall serve that are elected by the church, or their alternates.

2. Three papers came up under the head of "missions," the following being acted on: English River church asks District Meeting of 1898 that, to comply with the "Go ye" of Matt. 28: 19, they take steps to have tracts distributed throughout the District, the Gospel preached where opportunities offer, and mission points established as far as they can be arranged for.

Answer.—We submit this whole matter into the hands of the Mission Board, authorizing them to keep a man in the field all the time, or as near so as possible, and dispense with the electing of a District evangelist.

3. Committee to Adair, according to No. 3 of 1897, made their report, which was accepted and the committee relieved.

4. In reference to appointing a District Sunday School Secretary, according to No. 16, Minutes of Annual Meeting of 1898, secretary appointed Myrta Leavelle, Unionville, Iowa.

6. Tabulated Report of the Churches

Churches	No. Members	Places of Ap.		No. Appoint's.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.	Summer S. S.	Add's. by Bap.	Add's. by Letter	Reclaimed
		No. Min. 1st De.	No. Min. 2nd De.							
		No. Elders	No. Deacons							
*Fairview										
Libertyville	81	2	3	1	6	5	153	7	1	0
English River	179	1	3	3	9	3	160	7	0	0
Crooked Creek	23	0	1	0	1	2	32	3	1	0
*Middle Creek										
South Keokuk	58	0	0	1	4	2	114	5	0	2
Monroe County	91	0	1	2	5	5	125	6	12	1
*Marion County										
South River	25	0	2	0	3	2	54	4	0	0
Franklin	55	0	0	1	5	1	60	2	1	0
Mt. Etna	65	0	3	2	8	4	144	12	1	1
*Nishna Valley										
*East Nodaway										
Pleasant Hill	41	0	2	2	5	2	76	5	0	2
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* Not reported.

7. Decided to represent at Annual Meeting of 1899 by delegate. Eld. C. M. Brower, delegate; Eld. L. M. Kob, alternate.

8. This was concerning the condition of the Middle Creek church, showing the cause to be in a suffering condition. Elders A. Wolf, L. M. Kob and C. M. Brower were appointed to investigate matters, the following being sent with them by District Meeting:

- (1) Not carrying out the promises made to committee of 1896.
- (2) Illegal representation at District Meeting of 1897.
- (3) Not carrying out promise to committee to have council meetings.

(4) District Meeting asks why regular appointments are not filled.

(5) District Meeting asks why Minutes of District Meeting of 1897 and of Annual Meeting of 1898 were not distributed.

(6) District Meeting asks why Middle Creek church is not represented at Meeting of 1898.

9. Report of District Mission Board:

Balance on hand at last report, \$273.31; total, \$415.74.

Expenses, \$105.33; balance on hand, \$310.41.

Sermons preached, 115.

J. D. Coffman, Secretary.

10. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts, \$42.60; expenses, \$34.28; balance on hand, \$8.32.

11. This was in regard to making a change in the Mission Board, electing its members for three years, one each year; also to have one minister on the board. The board elected is: S. F. Brower, president, three years; J. D. Coffman, secretary, two years; J. B. Flory, treasurer, one year. Address, South English, Iowa.

12. Bro. S. F. Niswander was elected District treasurer for one year. Address, South English, Iowa.

14. Requests for Ministerial and District Meeting of 1899. Decided to hold said meetings in the Monroe County church on Thursday and Friday before the full moon in October.

C. M. Brower, Moderator.

Peter Brower, Reading Clerk.

S. F. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1899

Meeting held in the Monroe County church Oct. 13, 1899.

Moderator, Eld. L. M. Kob; writing clerk, W. N. Glotfelty; reading clerk, Peter Brower.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Fairview	O. Ogden, O. W. Leavell
Libertyville	W. N. Glotfelty, C. E. Wolf
English River	J. D. Brower, J. D. Coffman
Crooked Creek	S. L. Burger
Middle Creek	John Alexander, G. W. Pfoutz
South Keokuk	John Gable, Elizabeth Gable
Monroe County	J. J. Miller, J. M. Follis
Marion County	Not represented
South River	C. C. Stemen, Martha Stemen
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Mt. Etna	D. F. Sink

Nishna Valley Not represented
East Nodaway Not represented
Pleasant Hill Victor Anderson, H. B. Johnston

Queries were taken up and disposed of as follows:

1. The Fairview church asks District Meeting to require churches having queries to present, to send them to the District clerk six weeks before the date of District Meeting and the clerk to be required to have the same printed in convenient form and send ten or more copies to one minister of each local church for distribution.

Answer.—Passed.

2. The Libertyville church asks District Meeting to elect all of her officers including delegate to Standing Committee by written ballot in open council. Amended that the officers be changed every year and passed.

3. Will District Meeting of 1899 decide that sisters, to serve as delegates, must be in the order of the church as well as the brethren, and also define the order of the church for the sisters?

Answer.—District Meeting so decides and adopts Art. 12, 1886, Minutes of Annual Meeting and 1 Tim. 2: 9; 1 Peter 3: 3, 4.

4. The Mission Board asks District Meeting of 1899 whether they will not urge our churches to elect more ministers from time to time, some of our churches not having elected any minister for many years and the scarcity of ministers is one of the great hindrances in carrying forward the mission work?

Answer.—District Meeting so urges and asks all of our churches to labor earnestly towards the end of having more laborers in the vineyard.

5. District Meeting, Greeting: We, the Mission Board of Southern Iowa, ask whether this meeting favors city mission work and whether the District desires that the board try to establish city missions in our District? Answered in the affirmative.

6. Monroe County church asks the District Meeting to consider the advisability of setting apart a half day besides the ministerial day for the discussion of Sunday-school subjects?

Answer.—District Meeting considers it advisable and sets apart Wednesday afternoon before Ministerial Meeting.

8. The Monroe County church asks District Meeting to appoint a District librarian who shall collect and preserve all documents valuable as history of the meetings and work of the District and try to get a concise history of each congregation and anything that might be assigned to him.

Answer.—Passed and Willis Rodabaugh, of Fredric, Iowa, appointed as librarian to act until there are good reasons for a change.

7. Tabulated Report of the Churches

Churches	No. Members		No. Min. 1st De.		No. Min. 2nd De.		No. Elders		No. Deacons		Places of Ap.		No. Appoint's.		Ap. per Month		Evergreen S. S.		Summer S. S.		Add's. by Bap.		Add's. by Letter		Reclaimed		
	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	No.	Names	
Fairview	75		3		2		5		3	120	6		1											1		1	
Libertyville	80	2	3	1	1	8	4	144	8	1	1		1										2		2		
English River	193	1	3	3	3	7	3	180	9	2	1		1										3		1		
Crooked Creek	26		1			2	2	40	3															2		2	
Middle Creek	30	1	1		1	4	2	52	6															2		2	
South Keokuk	56				1	4	2	52	5	1														2		1	
Monroe County	92		1	2	5	5	5	91	11	1													3		1		
*Marion County																											
South River	24		2		3		2	40	3	2															1		1
Franklin	49				1	4	3	60	5																		
Mt. Etna	55		3	2	8	2	126	12	1															3		3	
*Nishnava Valley																											
*East Nodaway																											
Pleasant Hill	38	1	1	1	3	1	60	4																1	2	1	

* Not reported.

9. The elders of the Southern District of Iowa in council decided to hold an Elders' Meeting on Wednesday before Ministerial Meeting of each year at 1 P. M. It shall be the duty of the elder in whose congregation the meeting is held, to make known the place of meeting.

10. Committee to Middle Creek church according to No. 8 of 1898, made their report which was accepted and the committee relieved.

12. Report of District Mission Board:

Receipts, total, \$552.84; expenses, \$311.12; balance on hand, \$241.72.

Sermons preached, 267; baptized, 8.

J. D. Coffman, Secretary.

13. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts

From former treasurer	\$ 8.32
Received from levy of 1898	\$48.15

Total	\$56.47
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Expenses, \$47.75; balance on hand, \$8.72; unpaid from levy of last District Meeting, \$2.25.

S. F. Niswander, District Treasurer.

14. Committee to Elrick mission: Elders John Gable, Martin Replego and J. M. Follis.

15. Decided to represent at Annual Meeting of 1900 by delegate. Eld. J. P. Bailey, delegate; Eld. L. M. Kob, alternate.

16. Myrta Leavell, Unionville, Iowa, was reelected District Sunday-school Secretary for one year.

17. J. D. Brower, South English, Iowa, was elected treasurer of District Mission Board for three years.

18. W. N. Glotfelty, Libertyville, Iowa, was elected District treasurer for one year.

20. Requests for Ministerial and District Meeting of 1900. Decided to hold said meetings in the Mt. Etna church, Adams County, Iowa, on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October.

L. M. Kob, Moderator.

Peter Brower, Reading Clerk.

W. N. Glotfelty, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1900

Meeting held in the Mt. Etna church, Adams County, Iowa, Oct. 5, 1900.

Eld. John Gable, moderator; Anna P. Follis, reading clerk; Peter Brower, writing clerk.

The churches were called and responded to as follows:

Fairview	O. Ogden
Libertyville	Daniel Holder
English River	D. P. Miller, J. W. Borden
Crooked Creek	A. Sanger
Middle Creek	Not represented
South Keokuk	John Gable
Monroe County	J. M. Follis
Marion County	Not represented
South River	Emma Watt, Mettie Stemen
Franklin	Jemima Kob
Mt. Etna	D. P. Bailey, Henry Knee
Nishna Valley	Not represented
East Nodaway	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh
Salem	W. G. Caskey, Mankin Wray

The following business and queries were then taken up and disposed of as follows:

1. The above organization, known as Salem, was accepted as a regular organized church.

2. The Fairview church asks District Meeting to define the functions and powers of the District Mission Board, with reference to Art. 5, Minutes of 1897.

Answer.—The above article gives the Mission Board unlimited power, not only to preach the Gospel but also to settle difficulties if necessary.

3. We, the Pleasant Hill church, petition District Meeting of the Southern District of Iowa to hold the Sunday School Meeting on the same day as the Ministerial Meeting, by devoting at least three topics to the Sunday-school cause.

Answer.—Passed. But this shall not prohibit churches which desire to devote a whole day to Sunday-school and also one day to Ministerial Meetings.

4. The South Keokuk church asks District Meeting to reconsider Art. 1 of 1899, and have it read "two weeks" instead of six.

Answer.—Reconsidered and granted.

5. This was relative to the Ottumwa mission, and was referred to the Mission Board, they to have them organized into a separate congregation if they think it expedient.

6. Decided to continue the present plan of raising missionary money by raising one dollar per member throughout the District, and urge the elders of the District to execute it in their respective congregations.

7. Decided to appoint a committee of three brethren to work with the Mission Board and go and investigate the prospects, and proceed to build a meetinghouse in Ottumwa if proper encouragement can be obtained; committee consisting of C. M. Brower, Orlando Ogdern, Mankin Wray.

9. District Sunday School Secretary's Report:

Number of congregations	15
Number of Sunday-schools	15
Number of congregations not holding Sunday-schools	2
Number of Sunday-schools continuing during year	10
Number of scholars	578
Number of teachers	70
Number of brethren	35
Number of sisters	30
Number not members	5
Number of officers	78
Number of brethren	35
Number of sisters	26

Number of officers not members	17
Number of schools holding teachers' meetings	3
Number of schools using Brethren's literature	15
Number of schools using Young Disciple	14
Number of schools using Children at Work	9
Number of schools using "Gospel Songs and Hymns No. 1" ..	10
Number of schools using "Sunday School Song Book"	1
Number not using Brethren's song book	4
• Number using picture roll	3
Number taking collections	14
Number using collections for supplies	14
Amount of collections given	\$172.10
Special missionary collection	4.00
Amount of missionary collection of Sunday-schools given	63.12
Number of scholars united with church	21
Number of schools using quarterlies in class	14

Anna V. Follis, Dist. Sec.

8. Tabulated Report of Churches

Churches	No. Members	No. Min., 1st De.		No. Min., 2d De.		No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.	Summer S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	Reclaimed
		No. Min.	1st De.	No. Min.	2d De.										
Fairview	68	0	3	1	4	4	96			7	1	0	0	9	1
Libertyville	82										1	0		5	0
English River	196	1	4	3	9	4	200			12	2	0	0	1	0
Crooked Creek	27	0	1	0	3	2	40				0	1	0	0	0
*Middle Creek															
South Keokuk	50	0	0	1	4	2	87			5	1	0	0	1	0
Monroe County	86	1	1	2	5	3	60				1	0	0	0	1
*Marion County															
*South River															
Franklin	48	1	0	1	4	3	60			5	0	1	0	0	0
Mt. Etna	40	0	2	1	1	1	93			6	1	0	0	0	0
*Nishna Valley															
*East Nodaway															
Pleasant Hill	35	1	1	1	2	2	80			5	1	0	0	2	0
So. Ottumwa Mission.	8	0	1	0	1	1	68			8	1	0	1	4	1
*Salem															

*Not reported.

10. District Mission Board's Report:

Receipts

On hand at last report	\$241.72
English River church	198.15
English River church by tracts	8.08
Franklin church	6.90
Members near Derby	2.50
South Keokuk church	21.13
Libertyville church	9.51
Pleasant Hill church	18.00
Fairview church	15.01
Fairview Sunday-school	7.72
Crooked Creek church	24.75
Mt. Etna church	5.00
Monroe County church	10.00
Middle Creek church	37.71
Elm Grove mission	3.00
Collection at last District Meeting	38.85
A member	70.00
Mary Luckey .....	.52
A sister	1.00
John P. Bailey	10.75
Jefferson Mathias	1.00
Members at New Market	2.00
Members near Winterset	3.50
Abraham Wolf	1.40
Ottumwa mission	9.56
John Shaw	2.50
Interest on money loaned	6.00
Total received	\$756.26

Expenses

Pleasant Hill church, Peter Brower	\$ 7.00
Elrick mission, A. Wolf	11.00
Essex mission, John P. Bailey	56.00
New Market mission, Jno. P. Bailey	28.35
Winterset mission, H. R. Taylor	14.20
Derby mission, L. M. Kob	8.00

Vanburen County mission, E. C. Wolf	10.00
Crooked Creek church, E. C. Wolf	12.00
Crooked Creek church, A. Wolf	10.60
Middle Creek church, A. Wolf	57.17
Elm Grove mission, C. M. Brower	17.50
Elm Grove mission, H. C. N. Coffman	3.00
Brethren Publishing House, tracts and Gospel Messenger ..	21.38
Ottumwa mission, A. Wolf	17.75
Ottumwa mission, E. C. Wolf	260.28
Ottumwa mission, tracts and Sunday-school supplies	28.17
Ottumwa mission, series of meetings and love feast	18.87
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Total Ottumwa mission	\$320.07
Total expense	576.27
Balance on hand, Sept. 28, 1900	179.99
 Sermons preached:	
John Follis	1
Willis Rodabaugh	1
John Gable	1
Ottumwa mission, A. Wolf	17
Ottumwa mission, O. Ogden	4
Ottumwa mission, C. E. Wolf	44
Middle Creek church, A. Wolf	45
Elrick mission, A. Wolf	9
Elm Grove mission, John Gable	3
Elm Grove mission, C. M. Brower	16
Elm Grove mission, H. C. N. Coffman	2
Crooked Creek church, A. Wolf	11
Crooked Creek church, C. E. Wolf	15
Essex mission, J. P. Bailey	30
New Market mission, J. P. Bailey	17
Winterset mission, H. R. Taylor	17
Winterset mission, H. R. Taylor, lectures	8
Derby mission, L. M. Kob	19
Vanburen County mission, E. C. Wolf	15
Pleasant Hill church, P. Brower	10
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Total	286
 Ottumwa mission:	
Sermons	68
Sunday-schools	28

Calls	769
Tracts distributed	2,721
Meals given	227
Gospel Messengers distributed	246
Young Disciples	59
Love feast	1
Series of meetings	1
Council meetings	4
Number baptized:	
Winterset mission	3
Essex mission	3
Ottumwa mission	1
Reclaimed, Ottumwa	1

Report closed, Sept. 28, 1900.

J. D. Coffman, Sec.

11. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts

From last treasurer	\$ 8.72
From levy of 1898	2.25
From levy of 1899	46.30
Total	\$57.27

Expenses

425 District Meeting Minutes	\$ 5.75
Committee to Elrick	10.94
J. P. Bailey, delegate to Annual Meeting	25.38
400 Annual Meeting Minutes	8.00
200 copies of queries to District Meeting	1.75
Total	\$51.82
Balance on hand	5.45

W. N. Glotfelty, Dist. Treas.

12. Decided to continue the Ottumwa mission.
13. The committee sent to Elrick by last District Meeting made their report; it was accepted and the committee relieved.
14. Anna V. Follis, of Fredric, Iowa, was elected District Sunday-school Secretary for one year.
15. Any expenses that may accrue, such as stamps, time, etc., to be paid out of District funds.
16. D. F. Kingery, of Mt. Etna, Iowa, was elected District Treasurer for one year.

17. J. D. Coffman, of South English, Iowa, was re-elected secretary of District Mission Board for three years.

18. Decided to represent at Annual Meeting of 1901 by delegate. Eld. J. M. Follis, of Fredric, Iowa, was elected delegate, and C. M. Brower alternate.

20. Requests for Sunday-school, Ministerial and District Meetings of 1901 from Libertyville and English River. Decided to hold the next meetings at Libertyville, Jefferson Co., Iowa, in the week on or before the first full moon in October.

John Gable, Moderator.

A. V. Follis, Reading Clerk.

Peter Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1901

Meeting held in the Libertyville church, Jefferson County, Iowa, Oct. 25, 1901.

Eld. C. M. Brower, moderator; E. G. Rodabaugh, writing clerk; H. A. Whisler, reading clerk.

The churches were represented as follows:

Crooked Creek	S. L. Burger
East Nodaway	Not represented
English River	H. C. N. Coffman, J. D. Brower
Fairview	H. A. Whisler
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Libertyville	D. Holder, W. N. Glotfelty
Marion County	Not represented
Middle Creek	W. J. Stout
Monroe County	Frank Roberts
Mt. Etna	J. P. Bailey
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh, H. B. Johnston
Salem	Anna Follis
South Keokuk	J. H. Keller, S. F. Brower
South Ottumwa	C. E. Wolf
South River	D. M. Watt

The following business was taken up and disposed of as follows:

1. The organization of the South Ottumwa church was ratified.

2. The Fairview church asks whether it is in harmony with the teaching of the Gospel for members to belong to labor unions and kindred organizations, and if not how shall members be dealt with who belong to such organizations?

Answer.—We cannot allow our members to belong to such organizations. See "Revised Minutes of the Annual Meetings," page 154; also Eph. 5: 11, 12.

3. On account of the slackness of some in supporting the mission cause, we ask District Meeting to devise some plan to create more of a missionary spirit.

Answer.—The elders and Mission Board are instructed to select someone to visit all our churches and work up the cause by preaching missionary sermons; also to see the isolated as much as possible; expenses of same to be met from mission fund.

4. We ask District Meeting to consider the propriety of buying a tent for use at District Meetings and otherwise as the District may see proper.

Answer.—Deferred indefinitely.

5. We ask District Meeting of 1901 to reconsider Art. 5, 1897, last clause; also Art. 2, 1900.

Answer.—As a substitute for Art. 5, 1897, and Art. 2, 1900, we decide that the Mission Board has unlimited power for having the Gospel preached and tracts distributed.

6. Will District Meeting provide some plan to aid weak churches so they too can hold Sunday-school, Ministerial and District Meetings?

Answer.—Decided that said weak churches have the privilege of soliciting those who attend said meetings for a free-will offering, and also to solicit other churches of the District for free-will offerings.

7. Would it not be well for the District Meeting of 1901, to urge the elders to carry out Art. 13, 1868, of Annual Meeting Minutes?

Answer.—We so urge.

8. We ask this District Meeting to consider the advisability of starting an endowment fund for our District mission work, so we can have a more permanent fund to carry on the Lord's work.

Answer.—We favor starting an endowment fund, the interest to be used for mission work in the District, and the elders and Mission Board are instructed to appoint a solicitor for same.

9. We ask District Meeting to elect the members of the Mission Board by ballot instead of by acclamation.

Answer.—As a substitute we decide that the elders with the members of the Mission Board whose time does not expire, shall consult and name to the meeting the member to be elected, for their adoption or rejection.

10. We ask District Meeting to make a separate fund for the Ottumwa mission and not use the funds of District mission for said place.

Answer.—Decided to separate our mission fund, giving all the

privilege to designate how their money shall be used, whether for city or rural work, or where needed; that not specified to go to general fund; this answer to include the endowment also.

11. Brethren A. Wolf and M. Replogle were sent to the Franklin church to labor with the members for a greater degree of holiness.

12. Decided to allow committees sent by District Meeting one dollar per day and expenses out of District fund, if they so desire.

13. We ask District Meeting to change the time of holding the District Meeting from the Friday before the first full moon in October to the first Friday in October.

Answer.—Decided to make no change.

14. We ask District Meeting whether it is in harmony with the Brethren church for its members to attend other churches and to be one or more of a chosen choir to do the singing with musical instrument or instruments.

Answer.—We may attend other churches, but not right to mingle with them in choirs and use of musical instruments in worship.

15. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts, from last treasurer, \$5.33; total, \$38.13; expenses, \$29.95; balance on hand, \$8.23.

D. F. Kingery, Treas.

16. District Mission Board's Report:

Receipts, on hand at last report, \$179.99; total, \$707.57.

Expenses, \$697.37; balance on hand, \$10.20.

Sermons preached, 239; council meetings, 8; number baptized, 3; reclaimed, 2.

Report closed Oct. 1, 1901.

J. D. Coffman, Sec.

18. Tabulated report of the churches.

(See next page for this report.)

19. Anna V. Follis, of Lenox, Iowa, was reelected as District Sunday-school Secretary.

20. D. P. Kingery, of Mt. Etna, Iowa, was reelected District Treasurer for one year.

21. S. F. Brower was reelected member of District Mission Board.

22. W. N. Glotfelty, of Libertyville, Iowa, was elected trustee of Brethren's hospital for two years.

23. S. F. Brower was elected to canvass District for mission funds.

24. C. M. Brower was elected as delegate on Standing Committee.

25. Report of committee appointed at last District Meeting was heard and committee relieved and indebtedness turned over to Mission Board for payment.

26. It is decided that the elders of the District shall appoint an advisory committee of three to confer with the Mission Board; said committee shall be appointed in different parts of the District. Appointments were made as follows: D. F. Sink, three years; E. G. Rodabaugh, two years; L. M. Kob, one year.

28. Decided that the next District Meeting will be held in the South Keokuk church, on Friday before first full moon in October.

29. The District Sunday-school secretary was advised to visit the schools as advised by general secretaries, and expenses to be paid by District treasurer.

18. Tabulated Report of the Churches

Churches	No. Members	No. Min. 1st De.	No. Min. 2d De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoint's.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.	Summer S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	Reclaimed
Crooked Creek	25		1	3	2	38	3		1				3
*East Nodaway													
English River	197	1	3	2	9	3210	10	2			3	7	1
Fairview	65		2	2	3	1	82		1		3		1
Franklin	40	1		1	4	2	30	3	0	0			
Libertyville	70	1	3	1	10	4100	7	1			1	2	
*Marion County													
Middle Creek	26	1	1	1	4	2		2		1	1		
Monroe County	70	2	1	1	6	3	96	8	1		1		1
Mt. Etna	40		2	1		1	81		1				
*Nishna Valley													
Pleasant Hill	30		2	1	2	1	70	4	1				
Salem	18			2		1	54	4	1		5	6	
South Keokuk	55		2	1	4	2	96	7	1		1	9	
South Ottumwa	13			0	1	1	117	8	1		2	1	2
South River	22		1	1	3	1	49		1				

*Not reported.

C. M. Brower, Moderator.

H. A. Whisler, Reading Clerk.

E. G. Rodabaugh, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1902

Meeting held in the South Keokuk church, Keokuk County, Iowa, Oct. 10, 1902.

Eld. John P. Bailey, moderator; Peter Brower, writing clerk; Orlando Ogden, reading clerk.

The different churches were represented as follows:

Crooked Creek	S. L. Burger
East Nodaway	Isaac Webb
English River	W. D. Grove and J. W. Borden
Fairview	O. Ogden
Franklin	By letter
Libertyville	J. M. Burger and Dan. Holden
Marion County	Not represented
Middle Creek	S. P. Miller
Monroe County	J. J. Miller
Mt. Etna	Jno. P. Bailey
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh
Salem	J. M. Follis
South Keokuk	Jno. and Elizabeth Gable
South Ottumwa	Lena Wolf
South River	Not represented
Middle Iowa, in behalf of Old Folks' Home	F. M. Wheeler

The following business was then taken up and disposed of as follows:

1. Will the Southern District of Iowa consider the propriety of uniting with other Districts of the State in erecting an Old Folks' Home?

Passed. Decided to unite, and have a committee of three elected to meet and confer with Middle Iowa in drafting by-laws, arranging property incorporation, etc. Also to see that our District is canvassed for funds for this work. Committee: C. M. Brower, South English, Iowa; Mankin Wray, Prescott, Iowa; and Orlando Ogden, Moulton, Iowa.

2. We ask District Meeting of 1902 to appoint three or more solicitors, located at different points over the District, to canvass all the members for the endowment funds, to be used for mission work in the Southern District of Iowa.

Passed. Decided that the elders in session appoint said committee, which are as follows: H. C. N. Coffman, South English, Iowa; D. F. Sink, Lenox, Iowa; W. W. Folger, Osceola, Iowa.

3. District Mission Board's Report:

Receipts, on hand at last report, \$10.20; total, \$708.99; expenses, total, \$636.49; balance on hand, Oct. 1, 1902, \$74.50.

Sermons preached, 225; number baptized, 4; number reclaimed, 1.

Oct. 1, 1902.

J. D. Coffman, Sec.

5. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts, on hand Oct. 25, 1901, \$8.25; total, \$76.25; expenditures, \$66.81; balance on hand, \$9.44.

6. Tabulated Report of Churches

Churches	No. Members	No. Min., 1st De.	No. Min., 2d De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.	Summer S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	Reclaimed
Crooked Creek													
East Nodaway	189	1	3	2	8	3175	10	2	0	1	4	0	
English River													
Fairview													
Franklin													
Libertyville	75	1	3	1	7	4100	6	1	0	2	3	0	
Marion County													
Middle Creek	26	1	1	0	4	226	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Monroe County	82	2	1	1	6	3168	7	1	0	6	2	2	
Mt. Etna	41	0	2	1	6	185	6	1		1	4	0	
Nishna Valley													
Pleasant Hill	24	0	2	1	2	170	4	1	0	0	0	0	
Salem	19	0	0	2	2	175	4	1	0	1	2	0	
South Keokuk	56	0	2	1	5	3150	9	1	0	0	2	2	
South Ottumwa	11	0	1	0	1	196	8	1	0	0	1	0	
South River													

8. The Mission Board requests our churches to raise at least \$1.25 per member for mission work the coming year.

9. Eld. Jno. P. Bailey was elected member of Standing Committee for 1903.

10. Orlando Ogden was appointed on advisory board for three years.

11. W. D. Grove, of South English, Iowa, was elected treasurer of Mission Board for three years.

12. Sister Anna Follis, of Lenox, Iowa, was elected District Sunday School secretary for one year.

13. D. F. Kingery, Mt. Etna, Iowa, was elected District treasurer for one year.

14. Eld. A. Wolf made a report for the committee appointed by District Meeting of 1901, Art. 11, to visit the Franklin church. The report was accepted and the committee relieved.

15. Applications for next Sunday-school, Ministerial and District Meetings, Salem and English River.

17. Decided that our next Sunday-school, Ministerial and Dis-

trict Meetings will be held in the Salem church, Adams County, Iowa, on Thursday and Frday before the first full moon in October.

John P. Bailey, Moderator.

Orlando Ogden, Reading Clerk.

Peter Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1903

Meeting held in the Salem church, Iowa, Oct. 2, 1903.

E. G. Rodabaugh, moderator; May Manners, reading clerk; Anna V. Ramsey, writing clerk.

Acts 15 was read, after which the churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek	By letter
East Nodaway	Isaac Webb
English River	J. H. Brower, S. F. Niswander
Fairview	Abram Wolf
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Libertyville	C. M. Brower
Marion County	Not represented
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe County	J. J. Miller, Emma Miller
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery, A. P. Simpson
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh
Salem	Mankin Wray, Nettie Driskill
South Keokuk	H. N. Butler
South Ottumwa	C. E. Wolf
South River	T. N. Watt

1. Should the Mission Board be allowed to loan the endowment money otherwise than secured by first mortgage on real estate?

Answer.—Decided to leave entirely in the hands of the Mission Board.

2. Will not this District Meeting relieve the committee that was appointed to solicit for our endowment fund, and elders and delegates to appoint some one in each congregation to see after and work up this fund?

3. We, the South River church, feel to bid Godspeed to the work of the last District Meeting in providing for an endowment fund and we request that a local solicitor be appointed in each congregation for said fund.

Motion passed that only the former be acted upon as it covers ground of both. Query passed and the following solicitors chosen:

Crooked Creek ..S. M. Burger
 E. NodawayI. Webb
 Eng. River ..H. C. N. Coffman
 FairviewD. A. Wolf
 FranklinS. H. Duffield
 LibertyvilleW. N. Glotfelter
 Monroe Co., Willis Rodabaugh

Mt. EtnaD. F. Kingery
 Nishna ValleyJacob Royer
 Pleasant Hill ..H. B. Johnston
 SalemD. Sink
 South Keokuk ..Carrie Shelly
 South Ottumwa ...C. E. Wolf
 South RiverW. W. Folger

4. Inasmuch as we believe that there is too much power invested in the Mission Board for the best results and also there is not as much effective work done as we think should be for the money expended, we, the Mt. Etna church, ask District Meeting of Southern Iowa the cause, and them to remove the same.

Paper returned.

5. As Annual Meeting has decided that we should keep our poor, we, the Mt. Etna church, ask District Meeting of Southern Iowa if it is right under any circumstances for the church to allow the county to pay the doctor bill.

Answer.—When bills are made and it seems clear they are not necessary, we are not under duty to pay them.

6. Mission Board asks District Meeting whether we shall employ another worker in our District. If so, in what way?

Answer.—We authorize our Mission Board to try to locate some efficient sister to help in our South Ottumwa mission.

7. Mt. Etna church asks for a committee and the elders recommended Brethren Abram Wolf, C. M. Brower and E. G. Rodabaugh to the delegates for approval.

Approved.

8. Bro. Joe Coffman was recommended and approved as a member of Mission Board.

9. We recommend that the missionary advisory committee be discontinued and ask District Conference to confirm same.

Discontinued.

10. Tabulated Report of Churches.

(See next page for this report.)

11. Missionary Report:

Receipts on hand at last report, \$74.50; total, \$646.42; expenses, \$537.85; balance on hand Sept. 26, 1903, \$108.57.

Sermons, 183; baptized, 3.

Endowment Solicited

By W. W. Folger	\$ 100.00
D. F. Sink	279.25
H. C. N. Coffman	1,072.75
Other endowments	225.00

\$1,677 00

J. D. Coffman, Secretary.

10. Tabulated Report of Churches

Churches	No. Members		No. Ministers		No. Min., 1st De.		No. Min., 2d De.		No. Elders		No. Deacons		Places of Ap.		No. Appoints.		Ap. per Month		Evergreen S. S.		Summer S. S.		Add's by Bap.		Add's by Letter		Reclaimed		L't'r's Granted		Deaths	
	No. Min.	No. Members	No. Min.	No. Members	No. Min.	No. Members	No. Min.	No. Members	No. Elders	No. Deacons	No. Deacons	No. Elders	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.	Summer S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	Reclaimed	L't'r's Granted	Deaths										
Eng. River ..	188	7	2	3	2	11	2	170	12	2	0	5	10																			
So. Keokuk	53	2	1	1	0	6	1	85	6	1	0	0	4																			
Monroe Co.	94	3	1	1	1	6	3	72	6	1	1	1	9																			
South River	25	1	0	1	2	2	4	3	100	6	0	1	1	6																		
Fairview	57	4	1	1	2	4	3	100	6	0	1	1	1	6																		
Libertyville .	73	2	0	2	0	7	1	60	4	1	0	3	1	6																		
Mid. Creek																																
Pleasant Hill	27	2	0	1	1	3	1	75	4	1	0	0	3	3																		
Crook. Creek	25	1	0	1	0	3	1	36	2	1	0	0	0	2																		
Franklin	36	1	0	0	1	2	1	70	4	1	0	0	5	2																		
Mt. Etna ...	45	2	0	1	6	5	3	70	6	1	0	1	7	2																		
Salem	23	2	0	0	2	5	3	70	8	1	3	1	1	7																		
E. Nodaway																																
So. Ottumwa	15	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	8	1	3	1	1	7																		
Nishna Val. ..																																

12. District Treasurer's Report:

On hand Oct. 2, 1903, \$9.44; total amount received, \$74.19; expenditures, \$45.18; balance, \$29.01.

D. F. Kingery, District Treasurer.

14. Bro. C. M. Brower was elected for three years and Bro. Mankin Wray two years as trustee of Old Folks' Home.

15. Reports of committee for Old Folks' Home given and accepted.

16. E. G. Rodabaugh elected as delegate to Annual Meeting; D. F. Sink, alternate.

17. Anna V. Ramsey reelected as Sunday-school secretary for one year.

18. D. F. Kingery reelected District Treasurer for one year.

19. Decided to appoint a committee to see after members and confer with present elders of Marion County.

21. Next Sunday School, Ministerial and District Meeting to be held in English River congregation.

E. G. Rodabaugh, Moderator.

May Manners, Reading Clerk.

Anna V. Ramsey, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1904

Meeting held in the English River church, Oct. 21, 1904.

Moderator, D. F. Sink; reading clerk, H. F. Caskey; writing clerk, S. F. Brower.

The roll was called and responded to as follows:

Crooked Creek	D. Rittenhouse, S. L. Burger
East Nodaway	J. P. Bailey
English River	H. C. N. Coffman W. D. Grove
Fairview	Abraham Wolf
Franklin	By letter
Libertyville	S. C. Laughlin, W. C. Manning
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe County	J. B. Bruerer, Emma Miller
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh
Salem	H. F. Caskey
South Keokuk	Carrie Shelly, Mary Butler
South Ottumwa	Lena Wolf
South River	C. May Manners
Marion County	Disorganized, by report made under No. 13

Queries

1. We, the Pleasant Hill church, petition District Meeting to reconsider Art. 12 of Minutes of 1901 and decide that committees sent by District Meeting shall say who shall pay expenses of said committee.

Art. 12, 1901, reconsidered and repealed and we will abide by decisions of Annual Meeting.

2. English River church petitions Annual Meeting through District Meeting to strongly urge the elders of our beloved Brotherhood to instruct their members not to attend world's fairs, as, in laying the order of the church before applicants for baptism, they are generally instructed not to attend worldly gatherings, such as shows, celebrations, State and county fairs, etc.

Passed to Annual Meeting.

Art. 3 to 6 respectfully returned.

7. The Mission Board asks this District Meeting who shall pay the expense of Sister Taylor at the Old Folks' Home, she being sent there from the Ottumwa mission.

Decided it shall be paid by the District through a treasurer who shall levy and collect the amount necessary.

E. G. Rodabaugh, Treas.

8. We, the elders assembled, recommend to District Meeting of 1904 for approval that the elders of the several churches from time to time take up a public collection for the Old Folks' Home.

Passed for churches to take up semi-annual collections.

9. President of Mission Board for three years: D. F. Sink, Lenox, Iowa, R. R. 3; secretary, two years, J. D. Coffman; treasurer, one year, W. D. Grove. Both addresses, South English, Iowa.

10. Committee's report of visit to Mt. Etna under No. 7, of 1903, accepted. Committee relieved.

11. Committee's report to Marion County under No. 19, of 1903, accepted and committee relieved. Said report disorganizes Marion County church.

12. Report of committee to Old Folks' Home, accepted.

13. Decided to represent at Annual Meeting of 1905 by delegate. C. M. Brower, delegate; C. E. Wolf, alternate.

14. District Sunday-school secretary for one year, H. C. Wenger, South English, Iowa.

15. District treasurer for one year, D. F. Kingery, Mt. Etna, Iowa.

16. Tabulated Report of Churches

Churches	No. Members	No. Min., 1st De.		No. Min., 2d De.		No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	Evergreen S. S.		Summer S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	Reclaimed
		No. Min.	1st De.	No. Min.	2d De.											
Crooked Creek	27	0	1	0	2	1	45			2	1	0	0	0	2	0
East Nodaway	14		1		3						2		2			
English River	193	1	2	4	11	3	220	14	2	6	1		5	5	0	
Fairview	64	1	1	2	4	2	128	2	1	2	1		11	1	1	
Franklin	35			1		2				2						
Libertyville	60		4		1	7	2	85			2					
Middle Creek	2	1	1	2	2											
Monroe County	95	1	2	1	6	3	80	5	1	1	1	2				
Mt. Etna	37		1	1	6	1	66	4	1							
Nishna Valley																
Pleasant Hill	29		1	1	3	1	75	4	1	1	1		5	4		
Salem	26			2	8	2	95	6	1				5	2		
South Keokuk	49		2		5	1	90	6	1				2	2		
South Ottumwa	19			1	1	1	104	8	1				4	1		
South River	25		1	3	2			4					1			

17. Missionary report of Southern District of Iowa:

Receipts, on hand at last report, \$108.57; total receipts, \$630.68; expenses, \$500.95; balance on hand Oct. 1, 1904, \$129.73.

Sermons, 180; members received by letter, 1; baptized, 6. Endowment at last report, \$1,677; endowment received, \$125; total, \$1,802.

J. D. Coffman, Secretary.

18. Treasurer's Report:

Receipts, on hand Oct. 2, 1903, \$29.01; total, \$87.01; expenditures, total, \$49.07; balance on hand, \$37.94.

D. F. Kingery, Treasurer.

21. Sunday School, Ministerial, Missionary and District Meetings of 1905 to be held with the Fairview church on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October.

D. F. Sink, Moderator.

H. F. Caskey, Reading Clerk.

S. F. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1905

Meeting held in the Fairview church, Appanoose County, Iowa, Oct. 6, 1905.

Eld. Peter Brower, moderator; E. G. Rodabaugh, writing clerk; J. D. Brower, reading clerk.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek	A. Sanger
East Nodaway	J. P. Bailey
English River	H. C. Wenger, A. H. Brower
Fairview	O. Ogden, D. A. Wolf
Franklin	A. L. Sears, L. M. Kob
Libertyville	D. Holder, W. N. Glotfelty
Middle Creek	C. M. Brower
Monroe	J. J. Miller, W. Rodabaugh
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh, V. Anderson
Salem	Mankin Wray, C. L. West
South Keokuk	Elizabeth Gable, Grace Brown
South Ottumwa	C. E. Wolf
South River	W. W. Folger

Queries

1. Inasmuch as the church is throwing her influence strongly

against the use of tobacco, is it prudent to employ ministers addicted to this habit to hold series of meetings or install officers?

Answer.—No. See Revised Minutes of Annual Meeting of 1889, Art. 20; also 1890, Art. 10.

2. This query asks that the elders of District appoint the committee on credentials instead of the moderator of preceding meeting.

Answer.—Passed.

3. This query asks that steps be taken to have the minutes of District Meeting, since the organization of the District to the present time, published in book form and sold at cost.

Answer.—A committee of three is appointed to look the matter up and report at next District Meeting. Committee as follows: H. C. N. Coffman, E. G. Rodabaugh, W. N. Glotfely.

4. Is it allowable, according to the decision of last Annual Meeting (see Art. 4, Minutes of 1905), for the Brethren to take part in union Sunday-school conventions and allow our houses to be used for same under proper limitation?

Answer.—Passed to Annual Meeting.

5. We ask District Meeting to decide to have full reports of committees sent to churches made at elders' meeting where the committees are appointed.

Answer.—Passed.

6. The Mission Board ask that each elder, who has not already done so, have live solicitors appointed, whose duty it is to see and solicit each member at least once a year for home mission funds in their respective congregation or congregations.

Answer.—Passed.

7. We, the Mission Board of Southern Iowa, recommend that each congregation set apart one or more young members, who are consecrated to be trained for the Master's use, to be in readiness and prepared to be used by the board in the field, and that the elder in charge coöperate with the board in this important work.

Answer.—Passed.

8. Report of Old Folks' Home read and accepted.

9. Trustees of Home ask for a plan for raising funds for future improvement of the Home.

Answer.—The trustees of the Home shall act as solicitors to raise said fund.

10. Bro. Mankin Wray is reëlected trustee of Old Folks' Home for two years.

11. Treasurer's Report:

Receipts

On hand Oct. 6, 1905	\$ 37.85
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South Keokuk	5.30
English River	19.00
Libertyville	6.00
Monroe County	9.40
South Ottumwa	2.00
Middle Creek	2.00
Franklin	3.60
Salem	3.00
South River	2.50
Fairview	7.00
Mt. Etna	4.50
Crooked Creek	1.50
Pleasant Hill	2.70
East Nodaway	1.20
Total	\$107.55

Expenditures

Publishing House, District Meeting Minutes	\$ 7.09
Publishing House, Annual Meeting Minutes	6.66
C. M. Brower, delegate to Annual Meeting	33.50
Sunday-school secretary	15.68
S. F. Brower, printing	1.30
Total	\$64.23
Balance on hand	43.32

13. Tabulated Report.

(See next page for this report.)

14. Report of Mission Board:

Receipts

Balance on hand	\$ 129.73
District Meeting collection	70.00
Interest on endowments	104.12
English River	286.48
Salem	47.50
Ottumwa	19.50
Fairview	31.10
New Market	1.05

13. Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members				Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	No. S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	Reclaimed
	No. Min., 1st De.	No. Min., 2d De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons							
English River	186	2	1	4	11	2228	17	2	9	2	
Monroe	89		2	1	6	3101	5	1	4	3	
Fairview	74		2	1	3	2129	9	1	5		
Libertyville	50	1	1	2	6	90	6	2	2	1	1
South Keokuk	44		1	5		76	6		1	2	
Franklin	30	1		1	1	1	2			4	
Salem	29			2	10	2	83	6	1		4
Crooked Creek	28		1		1	1	38	2	1	5	
Mt. Etna	26		1	1	3	1	66	4	1	1	
South River	23		1		2	3					
Pleasant Hill	23		1	1	3	1	50	4	1		
Middle Creek	21	1	1		2	1	1				
South Ottumwa	20			1	1	1	132		1	1	
East Nodaway	12										
Nishna Valley											
Monroe County											5.35
Libertyville											25.50
South Keokuk											53.90
Middle Creek											6.00
Crooked Creek											1.00
Mt. Etna Sunday-school											6.00
Sisters' Mission Circle											4.60
Individuals											18.85
General Mission Board											250.00
Total											\$1,060.68

Expenses

Ottumwa Mission, C. E. Wolf	\$448.00
Ottumwa Mission, J. M. Follis	10.00
Ottumwa Mission, D. F. Sink	28.00
Ottumwa Mission, sidewalk	40.00
Ottumwa Mission, J. D. Brower	3.60
Ottumwa Mission, W. D. Grove	4.00

Cttumwa Mission, repairing chimney	13.92
New Market Mission, J. P. Bailey	22.00
Middle Creek Mission	8.32
A. H. Brower, interest	6.00
Total	\$583.84
Balance on hand	476.84

Sermons

Middle Creek	20
New Market	14
South Ottumwa	132
Total	166
Council Meetings	2

Ottumwa

Visits	689
Tracts distributed	229
Sessions of Sunday-school	51
Preaching services	132
Prayer meetings	54
Meals given	182
Beds given	87
Love feasts	2
Councils	4
Gospel Messengers distributed	34
Inglenooks distributed	33
Missionary Visitors distributed	20
Baptized	1
Endowment at last report	\$1,802.00
Endowment Oct. 1, 1905	2,468.13

Peter Brower, Secretary.

15. Sunday-school Secretary's Report:

Churchhouses	12
Preaching places	15
Sunday-schools	11
Pupils enrolled	587
Average attendance	438
Teachers	51
Total amount of offerings	\$352.56

Amount given for missionary purposes	165.81
Sunday-schools using Brethren Literature	11
Sunday-schools continuing entire year	9
Scholars converted	23
Sunday-schools having teachers' meetings	1
Sunday-schools having home department	0
Teachers using quarterlies in class	5
Per cent of children in schools under fourteen years of age	42
14 to 24	20
24 and over	38
Number Sunday-schools commencing on time	5
Number Sunday-schools perfect	0

H. C. Wenger, Secretary.

16. Bro. D. F. Kingery reelected District treasurer for one year.

17. Bro. S. M. Matthews was appointed for an endowment solicitor for the Fairview church, Appanoose County, Iowa.

18. Bro. H. C. Wenger was reelected District Sunday-school secretary for one year.

19. Bro. W. D. Grove, South English, Iowa, was reelected as treasurer of Mission Board for three years.

20. Bro. Peter Brower, South English, Iowa, was elected secretary of Mission Board one year to fill vacancy.

21. Eld. Peter Brower was elected as member of Standing Committee and Eld. C. E. Wolf alternate.

22. Decided that the Sunday-school, Ministerial and District Meetings shall be held in the Monroe County church on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October, 1906.

Peter Brower, Moderator.

J. D. Brower, Reading Clerk.

E. G. Rodabaugh, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1906

Meeting held in the Monroe church, Monroe County, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1906.

H. C. N. Coffman, moderator; W. N. Glotfelty, writing clerk; A. W. Miller, reading clerk.

The reading clerk read Acts 15, after which the churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek David Rittenhouse

East Nodaway Not represented

English River J. H. Brower, W. D. Grove

Fairview	O. Ogden, Ella Matthews
Franklin	A. L. Sears
Libertyville	H. B. Johnston
Middle Creek'.....	Not represented
Monroe	W. Miller, Frank Roberts
Mt. Etna	J. P. Bailey
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	Victor Anderson
Salem	D. F. Sink, Mamie Sink
South Keokuk	H. N. Butler, D. F. Shelly
South Ottumwa	Lena Wolf
South River	Not represented

Queries

1. The Libertyville church asks that the form of credentials used by delegates to Annual Meeting be adopted for delegates to District Meeting.

Answer.—Passed.

2. The South Ottumwa church asks the Mission Board to build an addition to their churchhouse with a baptistry in it. Mission Board in session passed this to District Meeting.

Answer.—Deferred one year.

3. Report of committee under No. 3 of Minutes of 1905; said committee made a partial report and was continued and instructed to act in connection with committee on church history.

4. Report of trustee of Old Folks' Home read and accepted.

5. Adam Brower was elected as trustee for Old Folks' Home for two years.

6. D. F. Kingery was reelected as District Treasurer for one year.

7. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts, on hand Oct. 28, 1906, \$43.23; total, \$107.23; expenditures, \$42.36; balance on hand, \$64.87.

9. Tabulated Report.

(See next page for this report.)

10. Report of Mission Board:

Receipts, balance on hand, \$476.84; total, \$970.18; expenses, \$657.25; balance on hand, \$312.93.

Sermons, 197; baptized, 14.

During the year J. D. Brower and wife have been located at Mt. Etna, where the interest is good, with one reclaimed.

Endowment at last report \$2,468.13
Endowment Sept. 22, 1906 2,668.13

Peter Brower, Secretary.

12. D. F. Shelly was elected as District Sunday-school secretary for one year.

13. Peter Brower, South English, Iowa, was reelected a secretary of the Mission Board for three years.

14. H. C. N. Coffman was elected as member of Standing Committee and Abram Wolf alternate.

15. Decided that the Sunday-school, Ministerial and District Meetings shall be held in the Mt. Etna church, Adams County, on Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October, 1907.

H. C. N. Coffman, Moderator.

W. N. Glotfelty, Writing Clerk.

A. W. Miller, Reading Clerk.

9. Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members			No. Min., 1st De.	No. Min., 2d De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	No. S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	Reclaimed
	No. Min.	1st De.	2d De.											
English River	177	2	1	4	9	2	220	17	2	3	9			
Monroe County	86		2	1	5	3	65	5	1					
Fairview	66		2	1	4	2	131	9	1	4	3			
Libertyville	50	1	1	2	6	2	110	8	2					
South Keokuk	47		1		5	1	104	8	1	4				
South Ottumwa	31			1	1	1	154	8	1	14				
Franklin	30	1		1	1	1	35	2	1					
Salem	30			2	9	3	84	5	2	2				
Mt. Etna	30		2	1	4	1	59	4	1		4			
Pleasant Hill	19		1	1	2	1	60	4	1					
Crooked Creek	15			1	1	1		1	1	3				
South River														
Middle Creek														
East Nodaway														
Nishna Valley														

MINUTES OF 1907

Meeting held in the Mt. Etna church, Adams County, Iowa, Oct. 18, 1907.

D. F. Sink, moderator; J. H. Brower, writing clerk; Homer Caskey, reading clerk.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek David Rittenhouse
East Nodaway B. J. Bashor

English River	A. W. Miller, H. W. Coder
Fairview	Abram Wolf
Franklin	L. M. Kob
Libertyville	Daniel Holder
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe	J. J. Miller, Arthur McMullin
Mt. Etna	J. D. Brower
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	Not represented
Salem	Metta Wray, Mankin Wray
South Keokuk	Roy Shelly
South Ottumwa	Nellie Wolf
Osceola	Homer Caskey

Queries

1. We ask District Meeting that there be no queries accepted from the Mission Board unless they are published in program with other queries.

Answer.—We advise when possible the Mission Board have all their queries published in program with other queries.

2. We ask District Meeting to decide whether it is wrong for our members to attend Chautauquas.

Answer.—This meeting is of the opinion that it is best not to attend Chautauquas.

3. We ask District Meeting to appoint a committee to get up a tabulated report to take the place of the one which we now have and report the same to District Meeting of 1908 for adoption or rejection.

Answer.—Passed.

Committee: A. H. Brower, Roy Shelly and D. P. Miller.

4. Will not the District Meeting of 1907 recommend that each congregation in the District take an annual collection for the District missionary collection?

Answer.—Passed.

5. A sister was reported living at a distance, who wants to unite with the church, has no letter of membership, and the church where she had lived has been disorganized. Passed to District Meeting.

Answer.—Inasmuch as the elders where she formerly lived are dead, we recommend that she be received by her confession provided there are no other hindrances.

6. Decided to continue committee on church history another year.

7. Report of trustee of Old Folks' Home read and accepted.

8. Mankin Wray was reelected as trustee of Old Folks' Home for two years.

9. D. F. Kingery was reelected as District treasurer for one year.

10. District treasurer's report:

Receipts, on hand Oct. 20, 1907, \$64.84; total, \$138.34; expenditures, \$78.58; balance on hand, \$59.76.

12. Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Min., 1st De.	No. Min., 2d De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	No. Reclaimed	No. Disowned	No. Deaths	No. Lettered Out
English River ..	174	2	1	3	8	2	260	22	2	18	7			9
Monroe	75		2	1	5	3	72	6	1	8			1	
Fairview	66	1	1	2	6	1	85	4	1		3	1		
Libertyville	56	1	1	2	5	2	110	8	2	2	4			
So. Keokuk	55	1	2	1	1	1	123	8	1	7	3			
Fraňklin	30		1	1	1	1	35	2	1	3	2		1	4
Salem	24			2	1	1	73	4	1	2	2			4
Mt. Etna	23		2		4					2				2
Pleasant Hill ..														
Crooked Creek ..	17				2	1	15		1	1		1		
Osceola	18		1		3									
Middle Creek ..														
East Nodaway ..														
Nishna Valley ..														
So. Ottumwa ..	30			1	3	1	133	8	1		3	5		

Endowment at last report, \$2,668.13.

Endowment Oct. 1, 1907, \$2,868.13.

13. Report of Mission Board:

Receipts, balance on hand, \$312.93; total, \$1,331.88; expenditures, \$748.92; balance in treasury, \$582.96.

Sermons preached, 312; baptized, 5.

Peter Brower, Secretary.

15. Homer Caskey was elected as District Sunday-school secretary for one year.

16. D. F. Sink, Lenox, Iowa, was reelected as a member of the Mission Board for three years.

17. D. F. Sink was elected as a member of Standing Committee and Abram Wolf alternate.

18. We, the District Meeting desire to say that the Mission Board had nothing to do in putting a baptistry in the Ottumwa churchhouse and this District Meeting entirely exonerates them from any blame whatever.

19. Decided that the Sunday-school, Ministerial, and District Meetings shall be held in the South Keokuk church, Keokuk County, Thursday and Friday before the first full moon in October, 1908.

D. F. Sink, Moderator.

J. H. Brower, Writing Clerk.

Homer Caskey, Reading Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1908

Meeting held in the South Keokuk church, Keokuk County, Iowa, Oct. 2, 1908.

Peter Brower, moderator; W. N. Glotfelty, writing clerk; A. W. Miller, reading clerk.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
East Nodaway	John P. Bailey
English River	D. P. Miller, W. F. East
Fairview	O. Ogden, Theo. Price
Franklin	A. L. Sears
Libertyville	T. J. Looney, S. M. Burger
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe	J. B. Bruere
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery
Nishna Valley	Not represented
Pleasant Hill	E. G. Rodabaugh
Salem	Jessie Walters, Mamie Sink
South Keokuk	Susannah Brown, Elizabeth Gable
South Ottumwa	Ellen Dale
Osceola	W. W. Folger

Queries

1. The committee appointed under Art. 3, Minutes of 1907, make the following report:

Tabulated Report

Name of church.

Number of members at last report.

Gain { By baptism.
 { By letter.
 { Reclaimed.

Loss { By death.
 { By letter.
 { Disfellowshiped.

Number members at present.

Number of deacons.

Number ministers in first degree.

Number ministers in second degree.

Number elders.

Places of appointment.

Number of appointments for month.

Total number of appointments.

Number of series of meetings.

The report was adopted by adding number of minutes needed by each church.

2. Art. 19, of Minutes of 1907, in regard to time of holding District Meeting, was amended by inserting the words "on or" just after Friday in third line of said article, making it read Thursday and Friday on or before the first full moon in October.

3. The elders of the District recommend the following committees:

(1) To Nishna Valley church to arrange for disorganization of same. Committee: J. D. Brower, D. F. Sink.

Answer.—Passed.

(2) To the Pleasant Hill church to arrange, if thought best, for connecting it with the Libertyville church. Committee: A. Wolf, W. N. Glotfelty.

Answer.—Passed.

4. W. D. Grove, South English, Iowa, was reelected as treasurer of Mission Board for three years.

5. The committee on printing church history and District Meeting Minutes was continued. Adam Brower was appointed on said committee in place of E. G. Rodabaugh.

6. Report of Trustees of Old Folks' Home read and accepted.

7. Adam Brower was reelected as trustee for Old Folks' Home for two years.

8. D. F. Kingery, Mt. Etna, Iowa, was reelected as District treasurer for one year.

9. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts, on hand Oct. 18, 1907, \$59.76; total, \$84.96; expenditures, \$64.08; balance on hand, \$20.88.

12. Report of Mission Board:

Receipts, balance on hand, \$571.91; total, \$1,291.67; expenditures, \$845.88; balance in treasury, \$445.79.

11. Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Min., 1st De.	No. Min., 2d De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	No. S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's. by Letter	No. Reclaimed	No. Disowned	No. of Deaths	No. Lettered Out
English River ..	175	1	1	4	9	2210	4	2	15	2		2	1	13	
Monroe Co.	68	2	1	5	4	72	6	1				3	3		
Fairview	67	1	1	1	5	3102	7	1	3	6					
Libertyville	58	1	1	2	10	2125	6	2	3	8				1	4
So. Keokuk	50	1	2		4	1133	8	1			1				
Franklin	35		1	1	4	124	2	1	5						
Salem	32			2	6	280	6	1	6	2	1	1			
Mt. Etna	28		2	1	4	190		1	5	1	3			2	
Osceola	28		2		3	2		6	1	4	4			1	
So. Ottumwa ...	30			1	3	1141	8	1	2					2	
Pleasant Hill ...	18			1	2	125	2	1				1		1	3

Crooked Creek, Middle Creek, East Nodaway and Nishna Valley not reported.

Sermons, 286; baptized, 7.

Peter Brower, Secretary.

14. Roy Shelly, Ollie, Iowa, was elected as District Sunday-school secretary for one year.

15. W. N. Glotfelty was elected as a member of Standing Committee, and H. C. N. Coffman, alternate.

16. Decided that the Sunday-school, Ministerial and District Meetings shall be held in the Libertyville church, Thursday and Friday on or before the first full moon in October, 1909.

Peter Brower, Moderator.

W. N. Glotfelty, Writing Clerk.

A. W. Miller, Reading Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1909

Meeting held in the Libertyville church, Sept. 24, 1909.

D. P. Miller, moderator; J. H. Brower, writing clerk; Homer Caskey, reading clerk.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek David Rittenhouse
East Nodaway Isaac Webl

Fairview	Abram Wolf, J. H. Keller
English River	W. D. Grove, H. W. Coder
Franklin	Mattie Johnson
Libertyville	D. Holder, Jerry Wolf
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe	J. J. Miller, Martha Rodabaugh
Mt. Etna	J. D. Brower, D. F. Kingery
Salem	Almeda Caskey, Mankin Wray
South Keokuk	H. N. Butler, F. A. Heilman
South Ottumwa	Geo. Burgin, J. A. Moorhead
Osceola	Emma Folder

Queries

1. The committees appointed under Art. 3, Minutes of 1908, make the following reports:

(a) Committee No. 1, having not completed their work, was continued until said work is finished.

(b) Committee No. 2, having completed their work, was discontinued.

2. Committee under Art. 5, Minutes of 1908, was recontinued one year.

3. Inasmuch as Annual Meeting has appointed a temperance committee, we ask District Meeting to appoint a committee in our District to coöperate with the general temperance committee in its work.

Answer.—Passed.

(a) Committee appointed for the following periods of time:

Peter Brower, 3 years; Homer Caskey, 2 years; Almeda Caskey, 1 year.

4. The Mission Board asks the District to build a parsonage in Ottumwa.

Answer.—Passed.

Decided to raise the money by solicitation throughout the District. Solicitors, Geo. Burgin, J. A. Moorhead.

5. South Keokuk church asks District Meeting of 1909 to change time of holding our District Meeting to Friday on or after the first full moon after the 15th of September.

(a) Answer.—Passed, with the following amendment, inserting the word "before," so as to read "on or before the first full moon after the 15th of September."

6. Decided for each congregation in the District to raise an average of 58 cents per member to aid in the support of the Old Folks' Home the ensuing year.

7. Decided that the proceedings of the Sunday-school, Ministerial, Christian Workers', and Missionary Meetings, hereafter shall be published along with the minutes of the District Conference.

Miscellaneous

8. Peter Brower was reelected as secretary of the Mission Board for three years.

9. D. F. Kingery was reelected as District treasurer for one year.

10. Mankin Wray was reelected as trustee of Old Folks' Home for two years.

11. J. H. Brower was elected District Sunday-school secretary for one year.

12. J. D. Brower was elected as member of Standing Committee, and D. P. Miller alternate.

Reports

13. District treasurer's report, receipts, on hand Oct. 2, 1908, \$20.87; total, \$114.37; expenditures, \$55.97; balance on hand, \$59.40.

D. F. Kingery, District Treasurer.

15. Report of Mission Board, receipts, balance on hand, \$445.79; total, \$1,343.15; expenses, \$1,049.06; balance on hand to date, \$294.09.

Sermons, 177.

Peter Brower, Secretary.

15. Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Min., 1st De.	No. Min., 2d De.	No. Elders	No. Deacons	Places of Ap.	No. Appoints.	Ap. per Month	No. S. S.	Add's by Bap.	Add's by Letter	No. Reclaimed	No. Disowned	No. Deaths	No. Lettered Out
English River ..	180	2	2	4	10	2	176	12	2	2	13		4	1	5
Monroe	61	2	1	6	3	90	1	7				2	2	2	10
Fairview	76	1	3	8	2	95	9	1	2	2				1	
Libertyville	76	1	2	10	3	130	6	2	3	4		1	1	4	
So. Keokuk	68	1	2	4	1	104	8	1	15	1	2	1	1	3	1
Franklin	34	1	1	4	1	24			1		1			2	
Salem	40		2	8	2	97	6	1	2	5				1	1
Mt. Etna	46		1	4	1	94	4	1	21			3		5	
Osceola															
So. Ottumwa ..	35			1	2	1		8	1	8	4		1	1	5
Crooked Creek															
E. Nodaway ...	15	2		2	2	75	6		2	1					3

17. Decided that the Sunday-school, Ministerial, Christian Workers' and District Meetings shall be held in the Salem church, Thursday and Friday, on or after the first full moon, after the 15th of September, 1910.

D. P. Miller, Moderator.

H. F. Caskey, Reading Clerk.

J. H. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1910

Meeting held in the Salem church, Sept. 16, 1910.

Eld. Geo. W. Burgin, moderator; Sister Mamie Sink, writing clerk; Sister Lulu Johnston, reading clerk.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
East Nodaway	Mollie Bashor
Fairview	Orlando Ogden
English River	D. P. Miller, Henry Brower
Franklin County	A. L. Sears, L. M. Kob
Libertyville	H. B. Johnston
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe County	E. S. Fouts
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery, J. P. Bailey
Salem	D. P. Bailey, Mamie Sink
South Keokuk	H. N. Butler
South Ottumwa	Roy Jennings, Geo. W. Burgin
Osceola	Lee Fisher, W. W. Folger

Queries

1. The committee appointed under Article 5, minutes of 1908, report that they have completed the work given them; and the committee is relieved from further duty.

2. Report of Temperance Committee is that not much has been done, except in a general way; in correspondence with the General Committee and in encouraging temperance programs in the churches.

3. Sister Almeda Caskey is reelected on the Temperance Committee for a term of three years.

4. Bro. Geo. W. Burgin is elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Homer Caskey, on the Temperance Committee—term 1 year.

5. The Libertyville church asks District Meeting to make it the duty of the District clerk to send to the Gospel Messenger for publication a brief report of District Meeting, promptly, each year.

Answer.—Passed, with the amendment that a brief report of all the meetings held in connection with the District Meeting be also given by said clerk.

6. We, the South Keokuk church, ask District Meeting if it is in harmony with the general practice of the Church of the Brethren for any congregation of said church to give away what should be their appointments every other Sunday to other denominations?

(a) Answer.—No.

The answer is adopted by this meeting.

7. The English River congregation, Iowa, asks for Sunday-school, Ministerial, Christian Workers' and District Meetings, for 1911.

Request Granted.

Miscellaneous

8. Bro. D. F. Sink is reëlected as president of the Mission Board for a term of three years.

9. Bro. D. F. Kingery is reëlected as District treasurer for 1 year.

10. Bro. J. H. Brower is reëlected Sunday-school secretary for 1 year.

11. Eld. H. C. N. Coffman is elected a member of Standing Committee for 1911; Eld. Geo. W. Burgin, alternate.

Reports

12. District Treasurer's Report:

Receipts

On hand, Sept. 24, 1909	\$59.40
Crooked Creek .....	.75
South Ottumwa, on last year's account .....	.75
South Keokuk	2.25
Franklin	1.50
South English	8.50
Salem	2.00
Mt. Etna	1.50
Monroe County	4.00
Fairview	3.50
Osceola	1.25
Libertyville	2.50
East Nodaway .....	.60
South Ottumwa (in arrears)	1.50
 Total	 \$88.50

Expenses

Brethren Pub. House, for District Meeting Minutes	\$ 9.50
L. A. Plate, A. M. treasurer	6.70
J. D. Brower, A. M. delegate	25.00
Brethren Pub. House, A. M. Minutes	8.68

	\$49.88
Balance on hand	38.62

D. F. Kingery, District Treasurer.

13. Report of Mission Board:

Total expense of Ottumwa parsonage	\$1,140.00
Amount received from the District	1,007.00
Amount borrowed from White State Bank	\$ 133.00

Receipts

Amount received for mission work in the Southern Dis-
trict of Iowa:

Balance on hand at last report	\$ 294.09
Collection at District Meeting	63.50
General Mission Board	200.00
English River congregation	148.38
Interest on endowment	119.00
South Keokuk	76.00
Libertyville	46.01
Fairview	23.89
Monroe	13.00
North English S. S.	11.89
Ottumwa church	40.00
G. W. Burgin	17.00
Given to Peter Brower (unknown)	4.00
Franklin congregation	1.00
Crooked Creek	1.00
G. B. Reogle	1.26

Total	\$1,060.02

Expenses

Amount paid out for mission work at Ottumwa:

Geo. W. Burgin	\$573.33
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Coalhouse, pump, lumber, etc.	87.00
C. S. Garber	55.00
Painting parsonage	15.00
Insurance on house	10.00
A. Hutchison	7.00
 Total	 \$747.33
J. D. Brower, Mt. Etna	93.75
H. F. Caskey, Osceola	30.00
D. F. Sink, board meeting	3.50
Daniel Niswander, interest	18.00
Abraham Wolf (sent through mistake)	11.25
 Total expense	 \$156.50
Amount received	747.33
Paid out	 903.83
 Balance on hand	 \$ 156.19

14. Report of Ottumwa Mission:

Visits	1,175
Preaching services in the church	136
Preaching services other places in the city	20
Christian Workers' meetings	49
Prayer meetings	60
Council meetings	4
Love feasts	2
Sunday-school sessions	52
Tracts distributed	1,000
Messengers distributed	200
Inglenooks and Visitors	50
Garments given away	300
Shoes given away	35 pr
Sermons preached by Geo. W. Burgin	89
Sermons preached by A. Hutchison	16
Sermons preached by Peter Brower	5
Sermons preached by J. H. Keller	2

Sermons preached by H. C. Collyer	9
Sermons preached by W. D. Grove	2
Sermons preached by C. S. Garber	26
Sermons preached by V. C. Finnell	2
Sermons preached by Leo Vonder Hayden	1
Sermons preached by Henry Brower	2
Sermons preached by H. N. Butler	1
Sermons preached by E. S. Fouts	1

15. Report of Sunday-school Secretary:

	1909	1908	Increase
Congregations in District	13	13	
Churchhouses in District	16	16	
Preaching points	22	18	4
No. of Sunday-schools	16	15	1
Sunday-schools evergreen	15	10	5
Schools observing decision day	3	1	2
Children's meetings held	9	8	1
Schools having teachers' meetings	2	4	-
Schools having separate room for pri- mary department	6	5	1
Schools having library	5	4	1
Total amount of offerings	\$389.70	\$412.88	*23.18
Amount given to missions	161.21	211.02	*50.81
No. officers and teachers	120		
Total enrollment	574	553	21
Average attendance	439	406	33
Total membership of District	631		
Scholars baptized during year	56	56	
Schools using Brethren literature	16	12	4

J. H. Brower, Secretary.

* Decrease.

16. Report of Old Folks' Home by Trustee Adam Brower.

Report accepted.

17. Bro. Adam Brower is reelected trustee of Old Folks' Home
for a term of two years.

18. The Mission Board report a debt of \$133.00 still resting on the Ottumwa parsonage. \$120.00 in pledges and cash is raised by this meeting and turned over to the Mission Board to apply on the debt; also, by action of this meeting the Mission Board is authorized to add enough from the mission funds to cancel the debt.

20. Tabulated Report

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English River	174	2	1	4	9	2174	12	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	6
Monroe	67		3		6	2	70	5	2	1	9		2	1	1
Fairview	65		1	3	8	2	125			4	1	1		1	1
Libertyville	72	1		2	10	3	72	6	2	3	2				4
So. Keokuk	72	1	3		4	2	130	10	1	1	6	1	1	3	4
Franklin	34		1	1	4	2			1					1	2
Salem	40			3	7	1	85	4	1	4	2				3
Mt. Etna	50		1	1	5	1	120	8	1		3	1			
Osceola	26		1		6	1	56	4	1						
So. Ottumwa ...	59			1	2	1	136	8	1	34	5	1	6	2	3
Crooked Creek .	15			1	1	1		2							9
East Nodaway .	11					2	102								

Resolutions

21. The following resolutions were read and adopted by this meeting:

1. That we thank our Heavenly Father for his protecting care over us.
2. That we express our great appreciation to the members of the Salem church, who have so kindly cared for all our needs.
3. For those who took part in the deliberations and made the meeting such a rich spiritual feast.
4. For the help rendered by those of like precious faith outside of the District.

Geo. W. Burgin, Moderator.
 Lulu Johnston, Reading Clerk.
 Mamie Sink, Writing Clerk.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1910

Moderator, A. L. Sears; reading clerk, Lottie Grove; writing clerk, Lulu Johnston.

Address of welcome by Eld. J. M. Follis.

1. Some of the Ruts in the Sunday-school Work and How to Avoid them. Discussion led by A. L. Sears.

Unprepared lessons; lack of punctuality; too much of sameness in way of conducting our schools; keeping certain officers and teachers too long. To avoid these, study, be on time, vary the exercises and manner of teaching.

2. Advantages of a Teacher-training Class, and How Conduct It? Led by J. H. Brower.

A more thorough and systematic knowledge of the Scriptures; not only learn **what** to teach but **how** to teach and how to reach the hearts and lives of the pupils in the most impressive manner.

3. How Impress Our Teachers with the Responsibility of Their Position? Led by H. C. N. Coffman.

Twenty-five teachers present. Speaker strove to impress upon them the value of a soul and the fact that the teacher stands between the souls of his pupils and God. A teacher-training class will help here, too.

4. Best Methods of Helping Scholars to Christian Decision. Led by Albert Miller, E. S. Fouts.

Personal work, family worship.

Round Table

1. Our Singing—Best Methods of Conducting.
2. Is the Teacher's Greatest Work in Class?
3. Value of Personal Work.
4. Important Primary Aids.
5. Methods for Quarterly Review.
6. What New Resolutions Shall We Make for the Coming Year?

Resolutions

We, the Sunday-school workers of Southern Iowa, feeling the importance of raising the standard of our work, do hereby adopt the following resolutions for the ensuing year:

1. That we, as parents, teachers and officers will labor for an increase in numbers, spirituality and more thorough knowledge of God's Word in our respective schools.
2. That we, as pupils, will exercise greater diligence in punctual attendance and preparation of lessons.
3. That we, as individual members, will guard our moral and spiritual life so that our efforts may be more effectual in winning souls for Christ.

MINISTERIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1910

W. D. Grove, moderator.

Eula Grove, reading clerk.

Ollie Coffman, writing clerk.

1. Best Methods of Sermon Development.—Geo. W. Burgin, W. W. Folger, O. Ogden.

Jotting down thoughts to be used later; Spirit to guide us; notes necessary to some; books needed—Bible, concordance and dictionary.

2. How Carry Out the Command Given to Peter in John 21: 15-16? Discussion led by J. P. Bailey.

Watch the flock; give food suited to needs.

3. How Make the Results of a Series of Meetings More Lasting for Good? Led by D. P. Miller, L. M. Kob.

Each member should be spiritually built up and strive to keep up interest after closing of meetings; the young lambs must be given work in order to develop.

4. To What Extent Are We, as Christians, Responsible for the Liquor Traffic? (No notes given.)

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1910

Same organization as Ministerial Meeting.

1. True Aim of Christian Workers' Meeting.—Led by A. P. Simpson. To develop talents of young people; the working together of all Christian Workers, young and old; we find here who is fitted for ministers, Sunday-school teachers, etc.

2. How Can the Church Impress Upon the Minds of the Young People the Importance of Becoming Active Christian Workers?—Led by Lulu Johnston.

By living up to the principles ourselves and thus letting our lights shine.

3. The President's Relation to the Christian Workers' Meeting.—Led by H. N. Butler.

It is as that of the parent to the child, the teacher to the school; the president is the manager.

MISSIONARY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1910

Sermon by Bro. W. D. Grove.

Offering for missions.—In pledges, \$745.00; cash, \$102.75; total, \$847.75.

MINUTES OF 1911

Meeting held in the English River church Oct. 6, 1911.

Eld. H. C. N. Coffman, moderator; Bro. J. H. Brower, writing clerk; Sister Cora Brower, reading clerk.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
East Nodaway	Not represented
Fairview	Aaron Whisler
English River	A. W. Miller, W. D. Grove
Franklin	A. L. Sears
Libertyville	Susie Loony, J. A. Wolf
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe	Florence Fouts, Alta Williams
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery
Salem	Leslie Cover
South Keokuk	H. Heilman, Mary Wonderlich
South Ottumwa	Roy Jennings, May Burgin
Osceola	D. A. Wolf

Queries

1. The English River congregation asks this District Meeting to start a Child Rescue and Home Finding Society.

2. Inasmuch as Annual Meeting has heartily endorsed the work of saving homeless children (see Annual Meeting Minutes, Art. 2, 1905; also Art. 12, 1908), Salem congregation asks this District Meeting to take some steps toward organizing the work in our District.

Request granted with the following:

Constitution and by-laws were drawn up for said organization and adopted with a committee of three to execute same the following term of years: Peter Brower, three years; Mankin Wray, two years; G. W. Burgin, one year.

3. The Mission Board requests that the Sunday-school, Ministerial, and District Meetings of 1912 be held in the Osceola church, Osceola, Iowa, providing each one that attends bear their own board and lodging bills.

Answer.—Request granted.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Decided to send a committee to the Middle Creek church. Committee: H. C. N. Coffman, G. W. Burgin, D. P. Miller.

2. The Mission Board was authorized to inaugurate plans to start a mission in both Burlington and Council Bluffs, Iowa.

3. Decided to raise \$430 for the support of the Old Folks' Home; the pro rata member to be based on the State assessment roll.

4. Bro. G. W. Burgin was reelected as member of the temperance committee for three years.

5. Bro. D. F. Kingery was re-elected as District Treasurer for one year.

6. Bro. J. H. Brower was re-elected as District Sunday-school Secretary for one year.

7. Bro. Mankin Wray was re-elected as Trustee of the Old Folks' Home for two years.

8. Bro. G. W. Burgin was elected as member of Standing Committee, 1912, and Orlando Ogden, alternate.

Reports

1. District Treasurer's Report, receipts, on hand Sept. 16, 1910, \$38.62; total, \$72.67; expenses, \$51.50; balance on hand, \$21.17.

D. F. Kingery, District Treasurer.

6. Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members	Min. 1st De.	Min. 2nd. Deg.	Elders	Deacons	Places of App't.	Appointments	App'ts. per Month	S. S.	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
English River ..	178	3	4	11	2	242	4	2	18	10		7	3	10	
Fairview	52			3	5	1	65	1							13
Libertyville	84	1	1	3	10	3	102	6	2	11	2				1
So. Keokuk	69			4	4	1	125	8	1	2				4	2
Franklin	20				1			2	1			2				1	2
Salem	54	1	1	3	8	2	153	10	2		13				
Mt. Etna	33			2	4	1		4	1				10		3
Osceola	30		3		5	1	80	4	1	3	2	1	10	1	3
Monroe	86			3		6	3	165	14	3	19	4				4
So. Ottumwa	66	1		1	2	1	128	8	1	17	1	1	2		4
Crooked Creek .	9				1	1	12	1							7

2. Report of Mission Board:

Report of mission work in Southern Iowa for the year ending Oct. 1, 1911: The work is in a prosperous condition. This seems to be a banner year. Our people have given more than any other year. "God loveth a cheerful giver," hence, by their giving, their happiness has been increased manyfold, as their cheerful countenances plainly foretell. The permanent endowment fund has been gradually on the increase. Our people have become aroused to the real situation as never before.

With increased funds the board has also become awakened,

and looked around for other fields to prosecute the work, stimulating the work we already have in progress, and is contemplating opening, by the consent of this conference, two new missions. The conversions in our District, both in mission points as well as in the respective congregations, have also been greater than heretofore. Our fields, gardens, orchards, and vineyards have also been greatly blessed with productiveness, and the earth has not failed to yield her increase. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men."

Money received, balance on hand at last report, \$156.19; total, \$1,851.29; expenses, \$790.99; balance on hand, Oct. 2, 1911, \$1,061.30.

Sermons, 147.

5. Report of Old Folks' Home by Trustee Adam Brower:

H. C. N. Coffman, Moderator.
Cora Brower, Reading Clerk.
J. H. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1912

Meeting held in the Osceola church, Sept. 20, 1912.

Eld. D. F. Sink, moderator; Bro. S. L. Cover, writing clerk; and Bro. J. D. Brower, reading clerk.

The churches were called and responded as follows:

Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
East Nodaway	Not represented
Fairview	J. H. Keller
English River	H. W. Coder, J. H. Brower
Franklin	J. D. Brower
Libertyville	J. G. Rarick, Elizabeth Rodabaugh
Middle Creek	Not represented
Monroe	Grace Roberts, E. S. Fouts
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery
Salem	Lulu Caskey
So. Keokuk	H. N. Butler, D. F. Shelly
So. Ottumwa	S. L. Cover
Osceola	Lee Fisher, Ora B. Fisher

Queries

1. The English River church asks District Meeting of 1912 to see that Article 3 of miscellaneous part of District Meeting Minutes of 1911 is carried out.

Answer.—This meeting directs that said Article 3 of miscellaneous part of District Meeting Minutes of 1911 be carried out, and invests the trustees with power to raise this money.

2. The Libertyville church asks that a complete itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the Old Folks' Home be placed on the minutes of each year.

Answer.—After being amended to read "Grouped itemized report," request granted.

3. This District Meeting sends as a committee to the District Meeting of Middle Iowa, Bro. Peter Brower, and Bro. W. D. Grove, to appeal to that meeting to stand by the constitution and by-laws of Old Folks' Home.

4. District Meeting of Southern Iowa asks their trustees of Old Folks' Home to request the board of trustees of said Home to provide that all three Districts of Iowa have the same power in ratifying change of constitution and by-laws.

Miscellaneous

1. Report of Committee on Child Rescue work is that they have the necessary arrangements made, have received \$18.11 and expended \$39.40, and are now ready for work. Bro. Homer Caskey was elected a member of this committee for three years, to fill the place of Bro. G. W. Burgin, whose term has expired.

2. Bro. Adam Brower was reelected as trustee of the Old Folks' Home for two years.

3. Bro. W. G. Caskey was elected District treasurer for one year.

4. Bro. J. H. Brower was reelected Sunday-school secretary of the District for one year.

5. The Temperance Committee gave no report but were retained for one year.

6. Eld. Peter Brower was rechosen as secretary of the Mission Board for three years.

7. Eld. D. F. Sink was elected as member of Standing Committee, 1913, and J. H. Keller, alternate.

8. The Fairview congregation asks for District Meeting for 1913.

Request granted.

Reports

1. District treasurer's report, receipts, on hand Oct. 6, 1911, \$21.40; total, \$85.25; expenses, \$103.18; leaving a deficiency, \$17.93.
D. F. Kingery, District Treasurer.

2. Report of Mission Board, money received, balance on hand

at last report, \$1,061.30; total received, \$2,431.39; total expense, \$1,392.71; balance on hand Sept. 19, 1912, \$1,038.68.

4. Report of Old Folks' Home by Trustee Adam Brower.

6. Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members	Min. 1st De.	Min. 2nd Deg.	Elders	Deacons	Places of App't.	Appointments	App'ts. per Mont	S. S.	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
English River	182	3	5	11	2	180	13	2	1	13	1	1	1	1	8
Fairview	52		3	5	1	65		1	3	2				2	7	5
Salem	64	1	2	3	9	2	140	12	2	15				5	5
So. Keokuk	75		4	5	1	125	8	1	11	1	1	1	1	7	2
Mt. Etna	20			4	1				1					5	2
Franklin	17		2	2	1		4	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
Libertyville	80	1	3	9	2	92	6	2	2	1	1	2	2	4	1
So. Ottumwa	58		1	2	1	90	8	1	4	2	2	2	5	2	9
Osceola	30		3	5	1		4	1	4						
Crooked Creek	9			1	1		2		2						
Monroe	86		3	6	2										

D. F. Sink, Moderator.

J. D. Brower, Reading Clerk.

S. L. Cover, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1913

Meeting held in the Udel church, Oct. 10, 1913.

Eld. Peter Brower, moderator; S. L. Cover, reading clerk; J. H. Brower, writing clerk.

The organization of a church at Council Bluffs, Iowa, was accepted, and the roll call found the churches of the District represented as follows:

Congregations	Delegates
Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
East Nodaway	Not represented
Fairview	M. A. Whisler, Minnie Dale
English River	W. D. Grove, J. D. Brower
Franklin	Mattie Johnson
Libertyville	Ross Smith, J. G. Rarick
Middle Creek	Not represented

Monroe	W. W. Miller, Willis Rodabaugh
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery
Salem	J. C. Cover
So. Keokuk	H. Heilman, D. F. Shelly
Osceola	Jennie Alexander
So. Ottumwa	Ernest Samons, S. L. Cover
Council Bluffs	H. F. Caskey

Queries

1. Does the District Meeting of 1913 consider it advisable to build a churchhouse in Council Bluffs, Iowa?

Answer.—Yes. Committee of two was elected to coöperate with the District Mission Board to form and execute plans for building, etc. Committee, J. H. Keller, W. N. Glotfelty.

2. Whereas, According to custom, the General Conference of the Church of the Brethren has been granted to Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, or Kansas each third year, with one exception, and

Whereas, The Districts comprising this territory are weak numerically, and the Annual Conferences thus become a burden to any one District; and

Whereas, For this, or other reasons, no call was made from this territory for the meeting of 1914; and

Whereas, The other territories, known as the East and Central have taken steps to more uniformly share the burden, etc.; therefore be it

Resolved, That the English River church petition District Meeting of Southern Iowa to appoint one who shall act with a like committee appointed by seven or more of the eleven Districts in this territory, whose duty it shall be to take such steps as may appear to them as practical, to secure a permanent place for holding the said Conference each year it shall fall to our lot to entertain the same. Be it further

Resolved, That until a permanent place be decided upon this committee act as a committee of arrangements, select a temporary place, request a call from the District in which it will be held in the usual manner, and assess each District a proportionate share of the expenses, based upon membership, each District effecting her own method of raising her assessment and defraying expenses of her committeeman. In the event that seven or more of the Districts do not agree to this, the same is hereby declared null and void.

Answer.—Request granted. Representative on committee, W. N. Glotfelty.

3. The following decision passed our District Meeting Aug. 3, 1911: The trustees of Mt. Morris College ask District Meeting of Northern Illinois and Wisconsin to grant them the privilege of

increasing the number of trustees, not to exceed fifteen, and of inviting adjoining State Districts and the Mt. Morris College Alumni Association to elect representatives on the Board of Trustees as may be possible and found expedient.

(Signed)

D. L. Miller, Chairman.

C. W. Lahman, Sec.-Treas.

Request granted. Trustee, Peter Brower; term of office expiring 1917.

4. South Ottumwa church asks District Meeting of 1913 to decide that the clerk print the program and business of District Meeting in leaflet form.

Answer: Request granted.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Bro. J. H. Keller was elected as member of Standing Committee for 1914, and Bro. H. C. N. Coffman, alternate.

2. Bro. A. L. Sears was elected as member of the District Mission Board for a term of four years.

3. Bro. F. H. Hileman was elected as trustee of Old Folks' Home for two years.

4. Bro. W. G. Caskey was elected District treasurer for one year.

5. Bro. J. H. Brower was elected Sunday-school secretary for one year.

6. Bro. J. D. Brower was elected treasurer of Child Rescue Work for three years.

7. Committee on Temperance Work was elected as follows: Peter Brower, three years; Almeda Caskey, two years; Jennie Alexander, one year.

8. Committee (see Article 3, Minutes 1912) was relieved.

9. Decided to raise \$300 for the support of the Old Folks' Home; pro rata to be based on the apportionment plan.

11. Decided to hold District Meeting of 1914 in the South Ottumwa church.

Report of Old Folks' Home, by A. H. Brower, trustee.

Report of District Mission Board. Money received by treasurer:

Balance on hand at last report	\$1,036.76
Collection at District Meeting	60.47
Received from secretary	1,351.23

Total received	\$2,448.46
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Paid out, \$1,979.67; balance on hand Oct. 1, 1913, \$468.79.
Sermons, 131.

W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

District Treasurer's Report, receipts, \$109.71; expenses, \$91.12;
balance in treasury Oct. 10, 1913, \$18.59.

W. G. Caskey, District Treasurer.

Tabulated Report

Name of Church	No. Members	Min. 1st De.	Min. 2nd Deg.	Elders	Deacons	Places of App't.	Appointments	App'ts. per Month	S. S.	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
English River ..	178			3	5	10	2	192	13	2	7	11			14
Monroe	72	1	3			7	2	127	9	1	1		3	3	4
Fairview													1	3	
Libertyville	78	1		3		8	2	83	5	2	8			3	7
So. Keokuk	62			4		5	1	125	8	1		2	3	1	8
Franklin	26				1	2		1		1	12	2			3
Salem	52	1	1	1			2		2	2	5			1	23
Mt. Etna															
Osceola															
So. Ottumwa ...	62				1	2	1	131	8	1	6		1	5	1
Crooked Creek ..															
Council Bluffs ..															
New Market ...															

Peter Brower, Moderator.

S. L. Cover, Reading Clerk.

J. H. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1914

Meeting held in the Ottumwa church, Oct. 2, 1914.

Eld. J. D. Brower, moderator; W. D. Grove, reading clerk;
Homer F. Caskey, writing clerk.

The roll call of the churches was responded to by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs	J. H. Brower
Crooked Creek	Not represented

East Nodaway	Not represented
English River	D. P. Miller, A. W. Miller
Fairview	O. Ogden, M. A. Whisler
Franklin	A. L. Sears
Libertyville	W. N. Glotfelty
Monroe	John Brewer, E. S. Foust
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery, Ross Johnston
Osceola	Not represented
Salem	Homer F. Caskey
South Keokuk	Grace Brown, Mollie Heilman
South Ottumwa	S. L. Cover

Unfinished Business

It was decided to dispose of the unfinished business, committee reports, etc., before the queries on the program.

The report of the committee to the Middle Creek church was presented and accepted, as follows:

After due consideration Bro. Jerry Stout was granted his request to be relieved of the ministry. It was decided by the church in council that said church be disorganized. The committee proceeded to letter them out.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Brower (now deceased),
D. P. Miller,
H. C. N. Coffman.

Old Folks' Home, report by H. Heilman.

Report of District Mission Board:

The financial report of the treasurer was accepted, as follows:

Balance on hand at last report	\$ 468.79
April 27, '14, General Mission Board	200.00
Received from secretary since last report	1,012.81

Total	\$1,681.60
Expended	1,720.37
Received	1,681.60
District debtor to balance	38.77
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	\$1,720.37

W. D. Grove.

Mt. Morris College, report by Eld. John Heckman.

District Treasurer's Report, receipts, \$161.00; balance in treasury Oct. 10, 1913, \$18.59; total, \$179.59; expenses, \$115.13; balance on hand October, 1914, \$64.46.

Corning, Iowa.

W. G. Caskey, Treasurer.

Miscellaneous Business

1. It was decided that each church in the District be urged to raise apportionment, as assigned by Bro. Peter Brower, for the Council Bluffs church building.
2. It was decided that a committee of three be appointed to devise plans for a systematic giving in District work. Committee: W. D. Grove, A. H. Brower, J. H. Keller.
3. Bro. A. H. Brower was reelected as trustee of Old Folks' Home for two years.
4. Bro. W. D. Grove was reelected as member of the Mission Board for three years.
5. Bro. A. H. Brower was elected to fill the unexpired term of Eld. Peter Brower as member of the Mission Board.
6. Bro. D. P. Miller was elected as member of the Temperance Committee for three years.
7. Bro. J. H. Brower was elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Peter Brower as member of Temperance Committee.
8. Bro. W. G. Caskey was reelected District treasurer for one year.
9. It was decided to conform to the decision of Annual Meeting in electing our District Sunday-school secretary.
10. Bro. A. W. Miller was elected Sunday-school secretary for three years.
11. It was decided to authorize our District Sunday-school secretary to employ Bro. V. Finnell for District Sunday-school work for one year.
12. It was decided that the churches of the District raise the needed money for the Old Folks' Home by the apportionment plan, as drafted by the trustees.
13. Bro. H. C. N. Coffman was elected as member of Child Rescue Committee for three years.
14. Bro. W. D. Grove was elected to fill the unexpired term (three years) of Bro. Peter Brower, as trustee of Mt. Morris College.
15. Bro. D. P. Miller was elected as member of the Standing Committee for 1915; J. D. Brower, alternate.
16. Sister Ida Brown was elected District secretary of the Sisters' Aid Societies for one year.

Queries

1. We, the Salem church, petition District Meeting of Southern Iowa to secure an evangelist for District work.

Paper returned.

2. We, the South Keokuk church, ask District Meeting to elect a District Secretary for the Sisters' Aid Societies of said District.

Answer.—Request granted.

3. We, the Salem church, ask for the District Meeting of 1915. This, and the same request from the South Keokuk church and the Monroe County church, were considered together.

Answer.—That the District Meeting of 1915 be granted to the Monroe County church.

Tabulated Report of Churches

Name of Church	No. Members			Places of App't.			App'ts. per Month			Baptisms			Letters Rec'd.			Reclaimed			Disowned			Deaths			Lettered Out		
	Min. 1st De.	Min. 2nd Deg.	Elders	Deacons	Appointments	S. S.	App'ts. per Month	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	App'ts. per Month	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	App'ts. per Month	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	App'ts. per Month	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	App'ts. per Month	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	
English River ..	202	1	2	3	10	2	198	13	2	18	11	2	3	9													
Ottumwa	68			1	1	1	1	1	1	18	18	1	1	2													
Libertyville	88	1		4	2	2	79	5	2	5	10	3	3	3													
Mt. Etna	16				1	1	5	2	2	125	8	1	3	5													
Fairview	66	1	1	2	5	2	84	7	1	8	3													1	1		
South Keokuk ..	56		2	1	8	1	100	8	1	3	5	2	2	5													
Monroe Co.	60	1	2	3	8	1	108	8	1	3	21	3												2	2		
Council Bluffs ..	40				7	1	104	8	1	6	9	1	1	1													
Salem	58	1			3	1	104	8	1	6	9	1	1	1													
Osceola	30	1	1																								
Franklin																											
New Market ...																											

Resolutions.

J. D. Brower, Moderator.

W. D. Grove, Reading Clerk.

H. F. Caskey, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1915

Meeting held in the Monroe County church, Sept. 17, 1915.

Eld. W. N. Glotfelty, moderator; S. L. Cover, reading clerk; J. H. Brower, writing clerk.

The roll call of the churches was responded to by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs	C. E. Schrock
Crooked Creek	H. C. N. Coffman
English River	J. H. Brower, W. D. Grove
Fairview	M. A. Whisler, A. Sanger
Franklin	By letter
Libertyville	J. H. Price, Sadie Price
Monroe	Lydia Bruere, Willis Rodabaugh
Mt. Etna	Not represented
Osceola	Charles Colyn
Salem	Meda Caskey, Mankin Wray
South Keokuk	H. N. Butler, Ernest Sammons
South Ottumwa	S. L. Cover

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Minutes of 1914, Miscellaneous Business

Article 2, "Decided that a committee be appointed to devise plans for a systematic giving in District work. Committee: W. D. Grove, A. H. Brower, J. H. Keller."

Report: We submit the following to each congregation in the District, that their delegate (or delegates) to the District Meeting of 1915 may vote the sentiments of their respective congregations, on said plan or proposition:

1. That a committee of three be chosen by District Meeting to coöperate with the Mission Board to the raising of such funds as are needed in the District for mission work.
2. That each church shall appoint one of her members to send to said committee (and Mission Board) the amount of the value of all property owned by its members, except household goods, said value to be based upon actual valuation, with indebtedness taken off, and not upon any valuation the assessor may make.
3. Said committee with Mission Board shall make a levy for all money needed in the District for mission work.
4. Also that each church send to said committee the number of members she has who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years.
5. Said committee shall ask each church to pay fifty cents per year for each such member.
6. The levy (see No. 3) being made by committee, according to the valuation, shall be reported to each church.
7. The elder of each congregation shall see that the amounts asked of said church are paid at the time stated by the committee.

Committee: W. D. Grove, J. H. Keller, A. H. Brower.

Decided that the report be spread on the Minutes for one year for reconsideration and committee continued.

REPORTS

1. Old Folks' Home

Income

Sales from the Home	\$ 302.62
From board and support of inmates	509.93
From inmate	200.00
From individuals	25.00
From interest on endowment	2.00
From improvement fund	200.00
From bank	600.00
From bank (borrowed)	700.00
Individual (note)	1,000.00
From Southern District	540.76
From Middle District	916.38
From Northern District	1,176.32

	\$6,173.01

Expenditures

Overdrawn from last year	\$ 300.90
Help—superintendent, wife and three helpers, extra help ..	1,050.00
Coal	331.00
Pump repairs, oil, carbide, etc.	132.60
Groceries, meat, flour, feed	459.21
Doctor's service, drugs, medicine	185.50
Machinery, etc.	79.87
Stock bought, and corn	187.26
Threshing and use of machinery	17.90
Ice and sawdust	34.67
Taxes and interest, insurance	97.81
Traveling expenses, postage, etc.	65.41
Furniture and dishes	34.60
Miscellaneous expenses	215.78

New barn, ice house, repairs, and old barn and buildings, painting	1,673.00
Paid note at bank	700.00
Amount on hand Sept. 1	601.50

	\$6,173.01
Balance forward	607.50
Endowment fund	23.20

Inventory

Horses: Three work; 1 yearling; 1 two-year old.
 Cattle: Nine milk; 1 male; 9 calves.
 Hogs: One sow; 6 hogs; 9 shoats.
 Thirty-five tons hay, 13 acres oats in shock, 15 acres corn, 1½
 acres potatoes.

The trustees of the Old Folks' Home ask for \$600 from the Southern District for the coming year, Middle District, \$1,000, Northern District, \$1,100.

The Home has been filled to its capacity during the entire year, having had sixteen inmates during the entire time. Sister Anna Flory died at the Home in August. The present number is 15.

J. K. Miller, Secretary.

2. Secretary of Mission Board

Received from English River church	\$ 501.26
Fairview	105.00
South Keokuk	126.00
Libertyville	83.25
Mt. Etna	10.00
Monroe	44.50
So. Ottumwa	25.00
Franklin	40.00
Interest on endowment	185.05
Balance from Peter Brower estate	104.28
Children's collection at District Meeting	1.55
District Meeting collection	67.53
Rent from house in Council Bluffs	4.75

Total	\$1,298.17
Number of sermons preached in So. Ottumwa	128

Christian Workers' meetings	50
Prayer meetings	55
Sunday-school sessions	52
Members' meetings	6
Love feasts	2
Garments given away	186
Pairs of shoes given away	4
Baptisms	10
Number of sermons at Council Bluffs	83
Lessons taught at midweek Bible Class	18
Baptisms	8

Work at both of these missions is in a healthy condition, and prospects for a bright future.

A. H. Brower, Secretary.

3. Treasurer of Mission Board

Receipts

From secretary	\$1,298.17
From General Mission Board	300.00
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Total	\$1,598.17

Expenses

In debt at last report	\$. 38.77
Council Bluffs:	
J. H. Brower, salary	\$ 240.00
C. E. Schrock, salary	310.00
C. E. Schrock, moving	25.91
Paint and plaster	12.80
Bro. Sollenberger, series meetings	34.30
Baptistry	14.35
Cement walk	40.00
Insurance	7.50
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Total	\$ 684.86

Ottumwa:

S. L. Cover, salary	\$ 550.00
J. F. Burton, series meetings	36.64
Insurance	7.20
Pump fixed	2.10

Repairs on church	35.94
Total	\$ 631.88
Mission Board Meeting:	
A. L. Sears	\$ 3.25
A. H. Brower	1.58
W. D. Grove	1.58
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	\$ 6.41
Daniel Niswander, interest	18.00
C. E. Schrock, trip to So. English	6.24
Total expense	1,386.16
	1,598.17
	1,386.16
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Balance on hand Sept. 15, 1915	\$ 212.01

W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

South English, Iowa.

4. Sunday-School Secretary

	1913	1914
Congregations in District	13	14
Membership of District		671
Number of schools in District	11	12
Number of officers and teachers	101	105
Schools evergreen	10	11
Number enrolled in cradle roll department	28	51
Schools having teachers' meetings	1	1
Schools having teachers' training class	1	1
Schools having home department	2	2
Enrollment in main school	352	645
Total enrollment in all departments	854	985
Average attendance	484	515
Sunday-school offerings for missions		\$395.01
Total Sunday-school offerings	\$618.87	651.94
Schools using Brethren literature	11	12
Number enrolled in teachers' training class		11
Amount given for Sunday School Board		\$ 8.37
Scholars baptized during the year	54	38

South English, Iowa.

A. W. Miller, Secretary.

5. Sisters' Aid Societies

	Meetings Held	Enrollment	Av. Attendance	Money Raised	Given to Missions	Remarks
Council Bluffs	19	13	8	\$ 10.25		Helped poor and needy at Home.
Libertyville	12	25	15	\$ 39.95	\$ 35.00	Sewed two days for sick neighbor.
English River	22		9	64.27	11.00	Supporting orphan in India; gave five sacks of clothing.
South Keokuk	22	17	11	23.57	10.00	Gave two boxes clothing; helped fur- nish a room at Beth- any Bible School.
Total	75	55	43	\$138.04	\$ 51.00	

Ida M. Brown, Secretary.

6. District Treasurer

Receipts

1915

March 8, Crooked Creek	\$ 2.00
March 10, South Keokuk	10.00
March 27, Salem	6.30
April 29, English River	36.50
April 30, Mt. Etna	2.90
May 8, Council Bluffs	2.50
May 10, Monroe County	10.80
May 17, Franklin	4.70
May 18, Fairview	11.90
April 19, Libertyville	15.30
Aug. 10, Osceola	4.00
Sept. 17, Ottumwa	2.00
 Total	 \$108.90
Balance in treasury Oct. 2, 1914	64.46
 Total	 \$173.36

Expenses

1914

Oct. 10, J. H. Brower, printing District programs	\$ 4.40
Nov. 4, Brethren Pub. House, Dist. Meeting Min.	16.20
Nov. 4, H. C. N. Coffman, visiting expenses	4.00
Nov. 4, J. H. Keller, visiting expenses	9.25
Dec. 8, J. H. Keller, visiting expenses	6.60
1915	
March 8, J. B. Deeter, Dist. quota, 1c per member	6.84
June 21, D. P. Miller, delegate to A. M.	53.00
June 26, Brethren Pub. House, A. M. Min.	6.76
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Total	\$107.05
Balance on hand Sept. 17, 1915	66.31

W. G. Caskey, Treasurer.

Corning, Iowa.

7. Treasurer of Mount Morris College, report.

Miscellaneous Business

1. Bro. A. H. Brower was re-elected member of Mission Board for a term of three years.
2. Sister Ida Brown was re-elected District Secretary of Sisters' Aid Societies.
3. Bro. W. G. Caskey was re-elected District Treasurer for one year.
4. Bro. J. H. Brower was re-elected member of temperance committee for three years.
5. Bro. H. N. Butler was elected member of Child Rescue Committee.
6. Bro. W. N. Glotfelty was elected to serve on committee, in location of Annual Meeting when in the Middle Districts, until 1920.
7. Bro. H. N. Butler was elected member of Standing Committee, and Bro. S. L. Cover alternate.
8. Decided that previous plan for raising money for Old Folks' Home be continued as drafted by trustees.
9. Decided that a full report of the financial standing of Mount Morris College, Mount Morris, Ill., be spread on the Minutes.
10. Bro. H. Heilman was elected trustee of Old Folks' Home for two years.

Queries

1. We, the South Ottumwa church, ask District Meeting to appoint a Ministerial Board, whose duty it shall be to act in the District in accordance with Annual Meeting Minutes of 1915, Arts. 1, 2 and 3.

Answer.—Deferred one year.

2. The English River church asks District Meeting to consider the employment of Bro. V. C. Finnell, or some other brother, to give part of his time to lectures, and work in the interest of the Sunday-schools of the District.

Answer.—Decided to elect a committee of two to act with the District Sunday-school Secretary, in securing some one to conduct Sunday-school work among the churches of the District where desired.

Committee: J. D. Brower, S. L. Cover.

3. We, the members of the Osceola church, believing the annual assessments of the Old Folks' Home are unjust and too burdensome for the churches of the Southern District to bear, petition District Meeting of Southern Iowa to formulate some plan or strive to make some agreement with the Northern and Middle Districts whereby the assessment may at least be lightened.

Answer.—Decided to elect a committee of three to investigate the reasons for the various expenses of the Old Folks' Home.

Committee: W. D. Grove, Charles Colyn, S. A. Miller.

4. The District Meeting of 1916 was granted to the South Keokuk church, Ollie, Iowa.

5. A request to the District Meeting of Southern Iowa.

A Memorial

Bro. John Grossbeak and Sister Susan his wife, of Letcher, South Dakota, mutually agreed before her death (which occurred Feb. 11, 1911) that they would donate part of their property to the Old Folks' Home of Iowa, Southern Minnesota, and South Dakota. According to said agreement, Bro. Grossbeak presented to the trustees of the Home, a deed for three hundred and twenty acres of land located in Hughes County, South Dakota, said deed being dated July 6, 1912.

At the time this deed was received, it was the desire and the intention of the trustees that a suitable memorial be passed by the District Meeting of the several Districts interested in the Home, and a vote of thanks be tendered to the donors and that a record of the same be placed on the Minutes as a token of appreciation of the generous gift of Brother and Sister Grossbeak.

Now, therefore, we, the trustees of said Home, request that this memorial be presented to the next District Meeting of the

several Districts, and that a record of their action be placed on their Minutes as a memorial of perpetuity.

Trustees: Samuel Fike, J. P. Doak, J. S. Keefer, G. E. Goughenour, J. K. Miller, A. H. Brower, F. H. Hileman.

Tabulated Report of Churches

Name of Church	No. Members		Places of App't.		App'ts. per Month		Letters Rec'd.		Deaths		Lettered Out
	Min. 1st De.	Min. 2nd Deg.	Elders	Deacons	App'ts.	S. S.	Baptisms	Reclaimed	Discowned	Deaths	
English River ..	232	1	2	5	14	2196	13	2	7	27	4
Ottumwa	60	1		1	2	1120	8	1	10	1	2
Libertyville	87	1	1	3	9	284	7	2	2	4	3
Mt. Etna											6
Fairview	59		1	2	4	170	4	1			1
So. Keokuk	60		2	1	5	1111	8	1	2		1
Monroe Co.	65	1	2		7	1100	6	1	8	1	3
Council Bluffs ..	46		3	1		1105	2	1	8	3	8
Salem	60			1	9	1104	8	1		5	3
Osceola	38	1			6						1
Franklin	26			1	2	1	2	1		1	1

Resolutions

1. Be it resolved, That we express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for his loving care and goodness toward us in permitting us to attend this meeting.
2. To the members of the Monroe County church, and all the friends and neighbors who have shown such kind hospitality toward us at this meeting.
3. To the brethren and sisters from other Districts who have attended, for their presence and encouraging help.
4. And also to all who have attended these meetings, for their good behavior and reverence shown while here.

Committee:

Minnie Wray,
Nora M. Colyn,
W. H. Brower.

W. N. Glotfelty, Moderator.
S. L. Cover, Reading Clerk.
J. H. Brower, Writing Clerk.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEETING

No. 1. "How Shall the Teacher Introduce Herself to Her Class, Especially in the Case of the Presence of Strangers?"—Sister Nettie Senger.

Every teacher should have a great desire in her heart for her class. As she goes before them, she should greet them with a hearty welcome and have a message for them. She may open the class with prayer, or begin immediately with the lesson, as she sees fit. Greet strangers as you would in your home. Show them that you are glad they are there and invite them back again. Do not apologize and do not make excuses because strangers are in your class, but make them feel at home. In using invitations and greetings use wisdom, pray to God for help and he will help you. Get in touch with God, and then you can get in touch with your class.

No. 2. "How to Manage a Teachers' Training Class in a Small Congregation."—Estella Senger Brower.

To the small congregation, do not be discouraged. Have a teachers' training class, work together, and God will help and bless you. The class should meet once a week, but if it be impossible to meet each week, have the lessons prepared each week; then have written lessons, hand them in each Sunday morning, and meet once a month. You should have a lively and thoroughly trained teacher, who should hold interest with the class. Elders and ministers should encourage teachers' training and make some sacrifice. Encourage our young members and show them the necessity of teachers' training. A period should be set apart each day in our homes for Bible study.

No. 3. "The Best Means of Increasing Attendance."—Adam Brower.

In increasing attendance, we should get a good and lively superintendent; some one that is on time and in the habit of going to Sunday-school. Let the superintendent be a business manager. He should stand next to pastor and they should work together. He should have teachers that are on time and interested in their work, and also an assistant superintendent. All the people should be interested and encourage others to come. We should set the example and others will follow. The superintendent should be sociable. Get out among the people and greet them heartily. We should have good equipment in the Sunday-school to make it interesting to the children. Let them do work, and then appreciate what they do and they will want to come back. We can not force, pull, and drag them in the Sunday-school, but we can love them in as Jesus loved the people in.

No. 4. "How to Retain Young Men in the Sunday-school."—J. D. Brower, John Price.

If we introduce numbers one, two, and three in the Sunday-school we can retain the boy. We should get the boys through

the parents, and get one boy through another. Make it interesting for them. Give the boy something to do and let him take a part in the Sunday-school. Have an organized class for the boys and a room for their class alone. Fix up the room, change the methods, but stay in the bounds of the Bible. May they have a good and interesting teacher, who will encourage them and show them the need of the young men in the Sunday-school.

No. 5. "To What Extent Shall Rewards Be Given to Sunday-school Scholars?"—Mrs. Frank Glotfelty, Goldie Stickler.

Great care should be taken in giving rewards. Rewards can be beneficial if given in the proper way and are of the proper kind. A reward of the Lord's Prayer can be beneficial. They may be given to the pupils to require attendance and to those who are faithful. It will help to encourage them all to do their best.

No. 6. Round Table talk, conducted by A. W. Miller, was very interesting and very beneficial. Subjects discussed were:

1. "Promotion of Activity in the Sunday-school. (a) Teachers' Training in the Sunday-school. (b) The Cradle Roll Department. (c) The Home Department."

These have proved to be very beneficial in the churches where they have been organized.

2. "Temperance Meeting and Pledge Signing."

MINISTERIAL MEETING

No. 1. "The Value of Pastoral Work in the Rural Churches and How Can It Be Accomplished?"—Henry Brower.

In building up the rural churches, the pastoral work is very important. The church is a band of souls, and they need a leader. They need the power behind them. This lies upon the elder and pastor in charge of the work. He should ask others to help him, keep all that comes into the church and encourage the people to make up the church. There must be an entire coöperation with the pastor and people of the church. This can be accomplished by the leader being well posted. He must have a wide scope of view, must be of slow decision, must be abreast with the times, and must have taste of culture.

No. 2. "The Disadvantage of Non-resident Eldership and How It Can Be Overcome."—Henry Butler,

A great disadvantage of non-resident eldership is that the elder does not know what is taking place and what to do. He does not know the needs of the church and can not give his work attention unless he lives close to the place where he is elder. He does not like to go ahead because of non-resident eldership. This can be overcome by the church getting busy, helping herself and doing her duty. We should go to the ministers, help them and get to the head. Appoint one to be at the head and then the church coöperate with them and the Lord will help us.

No. 3. "When, How and by Whom Should the Ministers Be Criticised?"—A. Wolfe, H. C. N. Coffman.

Criticism is all right, if it is used in the proper place and at the proper time. We should never use destructive criticism, because it tends to tear down, but use the constructive criticism, which tends to build up. Criticism tends to encourage, to build up, and to strengthen the ministers. When we criticise, we should go to them privately. How: We should go by way of encouragement out of a heart full of love and Christian spirit. Go openly as a brother. By whom: Our companions are the best people to criticise us.

No. 4. "How Can We, as Ministers of the District, Do More Effective Work in Preaching the Gospel and Building Up the Church?"—W. D. Grove.

Men that are building up the churches and doing effective work in the Gospel are not farmers, mechanics, etc., but they must devote their time to the work of the Gospel. We should educate our boys and girls so that they are able to take up the work. They must be qualified and devote their time to the Lord's work. We can be successful in but one thing in this day and age. The future is before us and the work must go on in the District and rural churches and bring it up to the high standard, so we must devote our time to the learning and teaching of the Gospel.

No. 5. "Should We Have a District Evangelist, and What Are His Duties?"—S. L. Cover.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," so it is our duty to evangelize the world. We need a District Evangelist to help do this. He should manage his work in accordance with the Mission Board. The duty of the District Evangelist is to see that every town and village in the District has the Gospel preached to them. He should go where the people are calling for him. He should devote his time to the teaching and preaching of the Gospel.

Spirituality is the life of any church. We must have unity, prayer, power, and faithfulness; then we will have spirituality. We must have Spirit-filled leaders; men who have the Spirit of God. There should be more positive teaching and not so much negative teaching. Every Christian must feed upon the Bible every day; learn to pray, put things into action, place the responsibility upon ourselves and put forth all our efforts that God has given us for the development of spirituality, and then we will succeed.

No. 6. "What Part Should We Take in Union Meetings When Urged to Do So?"—D. P. Miller.

We may take some part in union meetings, but let our lights shine and let the people know where we stand. Each church should stand on its own footing. Union meetings may be beneficial where there are few members, and among isolated members, but

where there are a great number of members they may cause dissatisfaction.

No. 7. "How to Develop Greater Spirituality in Our Church."
—Clarence E. Shrock.

MINUTES OF 1916

Meeting held in the South Keokuk church, Oct. 6, 1916.

Eld. H. C. N. Coffman, moderator; Nora Colyn, reading clerk; and W. H. Brower, writing clerk.

The members at North English, having been organized into a separate congregation, asked to be recognized and have their delegates seated at this meeting. Their request was unanimously granted.

The roll call of the churches was then responded to by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs	C. E. Schrock
Crooked Creek	David Rittenhouse
English River	H. W. Coder, J. D. Brower
North English	W. H. Long, S. A. Miller
Fairview	Orlando Ogden, Mollie Senger
Franklin	F. A. Garber
Libertyville	W. N. Glotfelty, J. H. Price
Monroe	J. B. Bruere, E. S. Fouts
Mt. Etna	D. F. Kingery
Osceola	Nora Colyn
Salem	S. L. Cover
South Keokuk	D. F. Shelly, H. N. Butler
South Ottumwa	J. W. Jarboe, Ella Baughman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Report of the committee to East Nodaway church (appointed in 1914): Committee reported that they had disorganized the church and lettered out most of the members.

Report accepted and committee continued.

2. Page 10, Minutes of 1915, Query 1: We, the South Ottumwa church, ask District Meeting to appoint a Ministerial Board, whose duty it shall be to act in the District in accordance with Annual Meeting Minutes of 1915, Articles 1, 2, and 3.

Answer of District Meeting, 1915.—Deferred one year.

Answer of District Meeting, 1916.—Decided to appoint said Ministerial Board.

3. Page 10, Minutes of 1915, Query 3: We, the members of the

Osceola church, believing the annual assessments of the Old Folks' Home are unjust and too burdensome for the churches of the Southern District to bear, petition District Meeting of Southern Iowa to formulate some plan or strive to make some agreement with the Northern and Middle Districts whereby the assessments may at least be lightened.

Answer.—Decided to elect a committee of three to investigate the reasons for the various expenses of the Old Folks' Home.

Committee: W. D. Grove, Charles Colyn, S. A. Miller.

Report of committee: After investigation, we find nothing unjust in the expenses of the Home, and recommend no change. W. D. Grove, Charles Colyn, S. A. Miller, Committee.

Report accepted and committee relieved.

4. Minutes of 1914, Miscellaneous Business, Art. 2: Decided that a committee be appointed to devise plans for a systematic giving in District Mission Work. Committee: W. D. Grove, A. H. Brower, J. H. Keller.

Report to District Meeting, 1915: We submit the following to each congregation in the District, that their delegate (or delegates) to the District Meeting of 1915 may vote the sentiments of their respective congregations, on said plan or proposition:

(1) That a committee of three be chosen by District Meeting to coöperate with Mission Board to the raising of such funds as are needed in the District for mission work.

(2) That each church shall appoint one of her members to send to said committee (and Mission Board) the amount of the value of all property owned by her members, except household goods, said value to be based upon actual valuation with indebtedness taken off, and not upon any valuation the assessor may make.

(3) Said committee with Mission Board shall make a levy for all money needed in the District for mission work.

(4) Also that each church send to said committee the number of members she has who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years.

(5) Said committee shall ask each church to pay fifty cents per year for each such member.

(6) The levy (see No. 3), being made by the committee, according to the valuation, shall be reported to each church.

(7) The elder of each congregation shall see that the amounts asked of said church are paid at the time stated by the committee.

W. D. Grove, A. H. Brower, J. H. Keller, Committee.

Answer of District Meeting, 1915.—Decided that the report be spread on the Minutes for one year for reconsideration, and committee continued.

Answer of District Meeting, 1916; Report amended, as follows:

In section 2, strike out the word "owned," and insert in its stead the words "given in."

Report adopted, as amended, and committee relieved.

Report of Mission Board:

On hand at last report \$ 212.01

Received from secretary 1,406.26

Borrowed at Farmers Bank, So. English 200.00

Total receipts \$1,818.27

Expenses, \$1,784.78; balance in treasury, \$33.49; with a note outstanding at Farmers Savings Bank, South English, Iowa, \$100.00; leaving a deficit (and some interest) of \$66.51.

W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

Sermons, 230; baptized, 40.

Report of District Treasurer:

Receipts, on hand at last report, \$66.31; total, \$99.81; expenditures, \$99.81.

W. G. Caskey, Treasurer.

Report of Old Folks' Home, by J. K. Miller.

Report of Sisters' Aid Societies, \$56 given for missions.

Ida M. Brown, Secretary.

MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE REPORT

President's Report of M. M. C.

The past school year (1915-1916) has been one of new experiences for those in whose keeping Mount Morris College has been placed. Perhaps never before in the history of the school, have such great changes taken place in the faculty as last year, when six strong men, including the President, Business Manager, and those who have been connected with the institution for a number of years stepped out, and it was necessary to fill these vacancies with new men. It fell to the lot of the new President to fill ten vacancies in the faculty. This alone was a big job, at least if it were to be done well.

We are told that whenever the Lord needs a man, he prepares one for the place, and we thoroughly believe the Lord had our problems in mind for many years and raised up men and women who were just ready for the work when the opening presented itself. For, of the ten vacancies on the faculty which it was necessary to fill, eight were filled by members of the Church of the Brethren. Of these eight, five were ministers of the Gospel, and, never before in the history of this institution has the faculty ranked as high in scholastic attainments as during the past school year. At present the faculty consists of sixteen professors and seven assistants. The number of students enrolled during the past year,

including the Short Course students, was four hundred and nine. These came to us from twelve different States and three foreign countries. Fifty-three per cent of these were members of the Church of the Brethren. The remainder of them were affiliated with various other churches. This last fact speaks well for the institution in that it has the power to draw from outside sources.

Most of our constituency outside our own people patronize the institution on account of its high moral and religious atmosphere, as well as on account of our high scholastic standards.

During the past year a resolution has been passed by the Board of Trustees, granting free tuition to all taking regular Bible work, and in addition to this, that one-half tuition be given to all ministers taking the regular literary course. This will mean a large financial shortage to the institution but we believe that the church will make good any deficit created thereby.

The prospects for the coming year are very bright and when we consider that we now have a united faculty, a boosting student body, a loyal, energetic board of trustees, and a splendid spirit for college education in our respective State Districts, we believe that the outlook for Mount Morris College should be most gratifying to those who love her. Our great need at present is the \$200,000 endowment to place the institution in the A class of colleges, according to the recommendations of our General Educational Board. It is the policy of the present management of the institution to develop as rapidly as possible the Collegiate and Agricultural departments, and to ever remain a typical representative of our founder, the Church of the Brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. Noffsinger, President.

Tabulated Report of Churches.

(See next page for report.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mt. Morris, Ill., Sept. 11, 1916.—At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mt. Morris College, duly called on the sixth day of January, 1916, it was decided to undertake to raise the permanent endowment of the college to \$200,000.

We are asking the college Districts to endorse the call. We ask the Southern District of Iowa to endorse it, recommend it to the churches of the District and urge the members to contribute liberally to the fund.

Fraternally,
John Heckman,
President Board of Trustees.

W. E. West, Secretary.

Decided to endorse the request.

Tabulated Report of Churches

Name of Church	No. Members	Min. 1st De.	Min. 2nd Deg.	Elders	Deacons	Places of App't.	Appointments	App'ts. per Month	S. S.	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
Council Bluffs ..	64		2			1	101	8	1	34				2	3
Crooked Creek ..															
English River ..	198		2	3	11	1	125	10	1	15	8		1	5	51
North English ..	47	1	1	2	2	1				4			1	5	
Fairview	89			3	6	2		10	1	24	4	3		1	
Franklin	36	1		1	2	1		4	1	16				1	
Libertyville	116	1	1	3	6	2	160	9	2	35				6	
Monroe Co.	67	1	2		7					6		1	2		4
Mt. Etna															
Osceola	34		1		7	1		4	1		4			1	3
Salem	71		2	2	7				1	6	6			3	
So. Keokuk	76		1	1	5	1	114	8	1	10	3	7		1	3
So. Ottumwa															

2. It was decided to pay out of the District treasury the balance of the expenses of Bro. Finnell's Sunday-school tour last year, which were not paid by contributions.

3. The District Mission Board asks this District Meeting for a plan to cancel the debt on the Council Bluffs churchhouse.

Answer.—Decided to raise said indebtedness by a separate levy, based on the same valuation as the plan adopted for raising mission funds.

4. The Mission Board asks that the Council Bluffs churchhouse be remodeled. Decided to appoint a solicitor to canvass the District for funds for that purpose. Bro. C. E. Schrock was chosen as solicitor.

5. The Mission Board asks that something be done to help the cause at Mt. Etna.

Decided to place the matter in the hands of the Ministerial Board and Mission Board, to try to locate a minister there.

6. Libertyville church calls for the District Meeting of 1917.

English River church asks for the District Meeting in 1917, or as soon thereafter as advisable.

Answer.—The District Meeting of 1917 is granted to the Libertyville church.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED

1. Committee on Apportionment: Wallace Blaylock, Willis Rodabaugh, W. H. Miller.
2. Committee on Resolutions: Estella S. Brower, Otus Coffman, Harley Johnson.
3. Chairman of Mission Board: A. L. Sears, 3 years.
4. Committee to coöperate with Mission Board, in accordance with section I of Article 4: Aaron Wonderlich, D. F. Coffman, S. A. Miller.
5. Ministerial Board: J. D. Brower, 3 years; W. N. Glotfelty, 2 years; Orlando Ogden, 1 year.
6. Trustee of Old Folks' Home: A. H. Brower, 2 years.
7. District Treasurer: W. G. Caskey, 1 year.
8. Secretary of Sisters' Aid Societies: Sister Maud Koons, 1 year.
9. Treasurer of Temperance Committee: Sister Almeda Caskey, 3 years.
10. Member of Child Rescue Committee: J. D. Brower, 3 years.
11. Delegate on Standing Committee of 1917: Eld. H. C. N. Coffman; alternate, Eld. D. P. Miller.
H. C. N. Coffman, Moderator.
Nora Colyn, Reading Clerk.
W. H. Brower, Writing Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1917

Meeting held in the Libertyville church, Sept. 28, 1917.

Eld. J. D. Brower, moderator; A. W. Miller, reading clerk, and W. D. Grove, writing clerk.

The roll call of the churches was then responded to by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs	Harvey Snell
Crooked Creek	D. A. Rittenhouse
English River	W. H. Brower, J. H. Brower
North English	A. W. Miller, D. P. Miller
Fairview	Anthony Sanger, John Berger
Franklin	Edgar Caster
Libertyville	J. H. Price, W. N. Glotfelty
Monroe	Florence Fouts, A. R. McMullin
Mt. Etna	S. L. Cover
Osceola	Lincoln Fisher, Chas. Colyn
Salem	Metta Caskey

South Keokuk H. N. Butler, F. H. Heilman
 South Ottumwa S. W. Garber, Ella Baughman

NEW BUSINESS

Queries

1. We, the Libertyville church, ask District Meeting of 1917 to provide a ministerial roll call of the ministers of the District at each Ministerial and District Meeting.

Answer.—That the roll call be taken at the Ministerial Meeting, and the roll call be in charge of the Ministerial Board.

2. We, the Libertyville church, ask District Meeting of 1917 to provide a lecture bureau for the District.

Answer.—This District Meeting appoints a committee of three to get in touch with speakers capable, who can be secured by local churches desiring them. Committee, W. N. Glotfelty, Henry Brower, Harvey Snell.

3. We, the English River church, petition District Meeting to grant each Sunday-school of the District the privilege of representing by delegate at the District Sunday-school Convention.

Request granted.

4. We, the English River congregation, petition District Meeting to formulate a plan to raise funds for mission work in our District.

Answer.—The Mission Board and committee appointed at District Meeting of 1916. Try and use the assessment plan.

5. The trustees of Mount Morris College ask District Conferences which own and control said college, to increase the body of trustees up to twenty-five: said additional members to be nominated by the trustees, and confirmed by the District Conference in which they reside. This shall be operative when two-thirds of said Districts shall have adopted it.

Request granted.

6. Salem church calls for District Meeting of 1918.

Answer.—The District Meeting of 1918 is granted to the Salem church.

Officers and Committees Appointed

1. Committee on Apportionment: A. H. Brower, W. H. Long, M. A. Whisler.

2. Committee on Resolutions: Nora Colyn, Elva E. Brower, Mary Roby.

3. Treasurer Mission Board: W. D. Grove, three years.

4. District Treasurer: W. G. Caskey, one year.

5. Sunday-school Secretary: A. W. Miller, three years.
6. Trustee of Old Folks' Home: F. H. Heilman, three years.
7. Secretary of Sisters' Aid Society: Maud Koons.
8. Trustee of Mt. Morris College: W. D. Grove, five years.
9. Member of Ministerial Board: Orlando Ogden, three years.
10. Child Rescue: H. C. N. Coffman, three years.
11. D. P. Miller, elected on Temperance Committee, three years.
12. A. W. Miller, appointed to act as our Educational and Missionary Secretary, term three years.
13. W. D. Grove was appointed, with J. H. Brower as assistant, to confer with the General Peace Committee. Also it is the duty of this appointment to look after the welfare of our brethren in the Southern District of Iowa, who are and may be drafted into some service in the army.
14. Delegate on Standing Committee of 1918: Eld. W. D. Grove; alternate, Eld. S. L. Cover.

Indebtedness on Council Bluffs church to be raised by apportionment, and to be included in the apportionment for District expenses.

Report of Mission Board, Sept. 28, 1917

On hand at last report	\$ 33.49
Received from secretary	2,028.91
Received from General Mission Board	150.00

Total receipts	\$2,212.40
Expenses, \$1,893.97; balance in treasury, \$318.45.	
Council Bluffs church, note at Farmers Savings Bank, from Jan. 5, 1916	\$406.06
Report of Remodeling Church at Council Bluffs:	
Money received in cash and pledges	845.59
Unpaid pledges to date	71.00
When all paid, balance	6.47
Paid Out for the Remodeling:	
Harvey Snell	24.12
D. P. Hutchison	34.00
Bluff City Lumber Company	7.00
Joe Hansen	774.00

	\$839.12

Sermons, 308; baptized, 15.

W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

Report of District Treasurer

Receipts, on hand at last report, \$34.80; total, \$101.45; expenditures, \$112.21; indebtedness, \$10.56.

W. G. Caskey, District Treasurer.

Corning, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1917.

Financial report of the Old Folks' Home, year 1916-17, by J. K. Miller.

Report of Sisters' Aid Societies for 1916, by Mrs. Maud Koons, Secretary.

Report of treasurer of trustees of Mt. Morris College, June 1, 1916, to June 1, 1917.

Report of Child Rescue Committee

Placed two boys in permanent homes and one girl in temporary home since last District Meeting.

The committee desires coöperation from all congregations in the District.

Tabulated Report of the Churches

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Elders	Ministers Not Elders	Deacons	Ap. or Places of Ap.	Appointments	App's. per Month	S. S.	Baptisms	Added by Letter	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
Council Bluffs	58	1		2	1		4							
Crooked Creek	6			1										
English River	211	4	1	8	1124	10	1	13	12					
North English	76	2	2	3	1			1	26	8	1	1	3	3
Fairview	88	3		5	2			1	2	2	1		2	3
Franklin	35	1	1	3	1		4	1		5				1
Libertyville	94	3	2	5	2100	6	6	2	1	1		2		22
Monroe County ...	60	1	3	7	1			1	1	4				
Mt. Etna	30	1		3	1	85	6	1	10		4			
Salem	72	1	1	7	1			1	5	4				
South Keokuk	70	1	2	5	1130	8	1	5	6	1	2			20
South Ottumwa ...	41	1		2	1		4	1	5	6				1
Osceola	39	1		6	1	42	4	1	7	1	1		2	5

MINUTES OF 1918

Meeting held in the Salem church Sept. 20, 1918.

Eld. S. W. Garber, moderator; S. L. Cover, reading clerk; Sister Dora Hutchison, writing clerk.

The roll call of the churches was responded to by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs	Dora Hutchison
Crooked Creek	Not represented
English River	W. D. Grove, J. D. Brower
Fairview	Orlando Ogden
Franklin	F. A. Garber
Libertyville	Glenn Carr, W. N. Glotfelty
Monroe	Mary Roberts, J. D. Bruere
Mt. Etna	S. L. Cover
North English	Gertrude Miller, Jasper Smith
Osceola	Grace Fisher
Salem	W. U. Wagner
South Keokuk	F. H. Heilman
South Ottumwa	S. W. Garber

NEW BUSINESS**Queries**

1. Inasmuch as our Child Rescue Committee are not in a position to carry on the work successfully, we, the South Keokuk church, petition District Conference of 1918 to consider the advisability of appointing a committee of three to investigate, and, if agreeable, take proper steps to work with the Middle District of Iowa.

Request granted, and the same Child Rescue Committee appointed.

2. The Mission Board asks this District Meeting to state the time for which the committee to work with us in raising mission funds was elected.

Committee discontinued.

3. We, the Mission Board, ask the District to have the indebtedness on the Council Bluffs churchhouse paid out of the surplus mission funds.

Request granted.

4. We, the English River church, renew our request for District Meeting in 1919.

Request granted.

Officers and Committees Appointed

1. Committee on Resolutions: C. O. Gibson, Erma Perry, Ethel Hoover.
 2. Committee on Apportionment: Henry Brower, D. P. Miller, W. G. Caskey.
 3. Member on Mission Board: A. H. Brower, three years.
 4. District Treasurer: W. G. Caskey, one year.
 5. Sunday-school Secretary: A. W. Miller, two years.
 6. Trustee of Old Folks' Home: A. H. Brower, two years.
 7. Secretary of Sisters' Aid Society: Maud Koons, one year.
 8. Trustee of Mt. Morris College: W. D. Grove, four years.
 9. Member of Ministerial Board: W. N. Glotfelty, three years.
 10. Child Rescue Committee: H. N. Butler, three years.
 11. Member of Temperance Committee: J. H. Brower, three years.
 12. Educational and Missionary Secretary: A. W. Miller, two years.
 13. Camp Visitor: W. D. Grove; J. H. Brower, assistant. Re-appointed for one year.
 14. A. H. Brower, appointed to fill the vacancy on Church History Committee, caused by the death of Willis Rodabaugh.
 15. Jasper Smith was appointed to succeed Harvey Snell as member of Lecture Bureau Committee for three years; J. H. Brower, two years; W. N. Glotfelty, one year.
 16. Delegate on Standing Committee for 1919: Eld. W. N. Glotfelty; alternate, J. H. Brower.
- Expenses of H. C. N. Coffman to Goshen Conference to be paid by the District.

Report of Mission Board, September 17, 1918

Balance at last District Meeting	\$ 318.45
Received from General Mission Board	300.00
Received from secretary	2,054.87
Total received	\$2,673.32
Expense	1,554.86
Balance in treasury	\$1,118.46
Sermons, 256; baptisms, 12.	W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

Report of District Treasurer, September 20, 1918

Receipts, \$515; expenditures, \$478.08.

Prescott, Iowa. W. G. Caskey, District Treasurer.

Financial report of Old Folks' Home, 1917 to 1918, by J. K. Miller.

Report of Sisters' Aid Societies for 1917: Four new Aid Societies were organized during the year.

Maud Koons,
Secretary.

Report of Ministerial Board

List of Ministers of Southern Iowa

English River: J. D. Brower, elder in charge; H. C. N. Coffman, J. H. Brower, and W. D. Grove, elders; W. H. Brower, minister.

North English: D. P. Miller, elder in charge; W. H. Long and A. W. Miller, elders; Jasper Smith, minister.

South Keokuk: H. N. Butler, elder in charge; Frank Shelly and Morris Lough, ministers.

Crooked Creek: No ministers.

Fairview: Anthony Sanger, elder in charge; Orlando Ogden and J. H. Keller, elders.

Monroe County: D. H. Foutz, elder; Elmer Foutz and Harvey Bruere, ministers.

Libertyville: W. N. Glotfelty, elder in charge; A. Wolf and Daniel Holder, elders; J. H. Price and Geo. Rambo, ministers.

South Ottumwa: S. W. Garber, elder in charge.

Council Bluffs: S. S. Schlotman, minister.

Mt. Etna: S. L. Cover, elder in charge; Harry Rogers, minister.

Salem: W. U. Wagner, elder; Homer F. Caskey, elder.

Osceola: Charles A. Colyn and Bennie Bashor.

Franklin: A. L. Sears, elder in charge; Frank Garber, minister.

Bro. Olaf Caskey has removed from District, but retains membership in our District on account of distance from church.

Harry Rogers was chosen to the ministry at Mt. Etna.

There was one death during the year—Bro. Willis Rodabaugh.

Support is given pastors at Council Bluffs and South Ottumwa by the Mission Board, and a partial support at Mt. Etna, and at Salem a partial support is given by the church.

Eld. J. D. Brower, of the committee, visited the Libertyville church and gave an instructive discourse on the line of the committee work. Several churches have expressed themselves as favor-

able to a visit by the committee or one of its members, believing it would be beneficial.

The committee believes that a start in the work has been made, but that much remains to be done, in the way of encouraging the churches to call suitable brethren to the work as more laborers are needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee:

J. D. Brower,
W. N. Glotfelty, Secretary,
Orlando Ogden.

Tabulated Report of the Churches

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Elders	Ministers Not Elders	Deacons	Places of App't.	Appointments	App's. per Month	S. S.	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
Council Bluffs	40	1	1	1	98	8	1	1	4	2			3	
Crooked Creek														
English River	198	4	1	9	1	104	8	1	5	9	2	4	5	12
North English	89	3	1	4										3
Fairview	85	1		5	1		8	1					2	1
Franklin														
Libertyville	101	2	2	5	2	114	8	2	7	2				2	2
Monroe County	76	1	2	7	1			1	1	1			1	
Mt. Etna	30	1	1	4	1	90	7	1	2	3			4	
Salem	56	2		6	1	80	8	1		4				
South Keokuk	60	1	2	5	1	108	8	1	1	1			5	5
South Ottumwa ...	61	1	1	2	1	208	4	1	10		1		1	5	1	5
Osceola	39	2	2	6	1		4	1			1			

MINUTES OF 1919

Meeting held in the English River church, Oct. 1 to 3, 1919.

Eld. J. D. Brower, moderator; L. A. Walker, reading clerk, and Eld. Wm. E. Thompson, writing clerk.

The roll call of the churches was responded to by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs W. D. Grove

Tabulated Report of the Churches

Name of Church	No. Members	No. Elders	Ministers Not Elders	Deacons	Places of App't.	App's. per Month	S. S.	Baptisms	Letters Rec'd.	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
Council Bluffs	40		2	1	1	5	1	10	3	1		2	
Crooked Creek	4												
English River	183	4		10	1	1	1		7				
North English	72	3	2	3	1	8	1		3				
Fairview	74	3		4	1	8	1	3	2				
Franklin	30	1	1	2	1	4	1	1					
Libertyville	99	3	1	8	2	8	2						
Monroe County	65	1	1	8	1	8	1	5	3	1			
Mt. Etna	28		2	4	1	5	1		2	2			
Salem													
South Keokuk	54	1	2	6	1	8	1	31			5	2	1
South Ottumwa	80	1		4	1	8	1						
Osceola													

Crooked Creek Not represented
 English River J. H. Brower and Mollie Grove
 Fairview M. A. Whisler and Orlando Ogden
 Franklin A. L. Sears
 Libertyville Glen Carr and Sadie Boysel
 Monroe A. R. McMullin
 Mt. Etna L. A. Walker and D. F. Kingery
 North English Ora Smith and Jesse Miller
 Osceola Not represented
 Salem Mrs. William Wagner
 South Keokuk H. N. Butler and Mabel Wonderlich
 South Ottumwa Minor Hoover and Wm. E. Thompson

Report of Ministerial Board

Ministers W. H. Brower and Olaf Caskey, and Elders S. W. Garber and S. L. Cover have moved out of the District.

Wm. E. Thompson, C. E. Shrock, L. A. Walker and Lawrence Miller have moved into the District.

Geo. Rambo died during the year.

W. N. Glotfelty, Secretary.

Officers and Committees, With Dates of Expiration

Committee on Resolutions: D. H. Fouts, Roger D. Winger, 1920.

Mission Board: A. L. Sears, 1922; A. H. Brower, 1921; W. D. Grove, 1920.

District Treasurer: Sam Brower, South English, 1920.

Sunday-school Secretary: A. W. Miller, 1920.

Trustees of Old Folks' Home: F. H. Heilman, 1921; A. H. Brower, 1920.

Secretary of Sisters' Aid Society: Maud Koons, 1920.

Trustees of Mt. Morris College: W. D. Grove, 1922; W. N. Glotfelty, 1921.

Ministerial Board: J. H. Brower, 1922; W. N. Glotfelty, 1921; Orlando Ogden, 1920.

Child Rescue Committee: J. D. Brower, 1922; H. N. Butler, 1921; H. C. N. Coffman, 1920.

Temperance Committee: Sadie Whisler, Udell, 1922; J. H. Brower, 1921; D. P. Miller, 1920.

Lecture Bureau: W. N. Glotfelty, 1922; Jasper Smith, 1921; J. H. Brower, 1920.

Member on Standing Committee for 1920: A. L. Sears; alternate, J. D. Brower.

Miscellaneous

The committee that has been arranging a history of the churches of Southern Iowa reports that they will soon have their manuscript ready for the printers. They are given another year for further preparations.

Information bureau reports that they had Sister Lydia Taylor to visit and lecture at all the churches in the District.

Report of Mission Board

Balance at last report	\$1,118.46
Received from secretary	2,019.05
General Mission Board	300.00
Total,	\$3,437.51
Expenses, \$2,914.41; balance on hand, \$523.10.	

W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

Summary

During the year forty-one souls have been added by baptism; sermons, 212. Ten have been restored to fellowship. While all three of these missions were closed during influenza time and two of them were without a pastor part of the time, we now have a promising pastor and companion located in each mission, all of whom are in the prime of life, and the outlook is good. Yet we realize that it will require a strong effort on the part of the pastors, as well as of all the members of the District to take proper care of this work. We trust all are willing to labor together in union to promote this great cause.

A. H. Brower, Secretary.

Report of District Treasurer

Receipts, Sept. 20, 1918, balance on hand, \$36.92; total, \$197.97; expenditures, \$124.94; balance, Sept. 27, 1919, \$73.03.

W. G. Caskey, Treasurer.

Prescott, Iowa.

Financial report of the Old Folks' Home for year 1918-1919, by J. K. Miller.

Report of Treasurer of Child Rescue Committee

Received of English River church, Nov. 27, 1913, \$14.86; English River church, July 4, 1917, \$12.73; total, \$27.59.

Nov. 24, 1917, paid to W. Bloylock, manager, for adoption papers for John and Jasper Brower, \$2.40. Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1919, \$25.19.

J. D. Brower.

Christian Workers' Report

Churches reporting	7
Number of months in session	54
Enrollment	350
Average attendance	215
Number using Booklet	7
Amount given for mission purposes	\$26.50
Amount for General Sunday School Board	2.00

A. W. Miller, Secretary.

Mission Secretary's Report

Churches reporting	3
Missionary programs rendered	4
Number of missionary sermons	9

Definite work planned	1
Special supports	1
Amount of offerings for missions	\$262.73

A. W. Miller, Secretary.

Report of Ladies' Aid Society, January, 1918, to January, 1919,
by Mrs. Maud Koons, Secretary.

Queries

To the District Conference, Assembled at the South English Church—Greeting:

We, the members of the Ottumwa church, of Ottumwa, Iowa, petition District Meeting to ask that this District may be admitted into the Mutual Aid Association of Northeastern Kansas.

(Signed)

Clerk, Ada Scully.

Elder, Wm. E. Thompson.

Passed District Meeting.

The Child Rescue Committee asks that this District shall send a committee to the District Meeting of Middle Iowa, and ask that the Southern District be permitted to coöperate with them in their work, and arrive at a plan whereby we may use their home.

Request granted. H. N. Butler is chosen to represent this District at the District Meeting of Middle Iowa.

We, the Mission Board of the Southern District of Iowa, ask District Meeting regarding their attitude towards the Five Year Forward Movement Program.

Motion passed that the District indorse the movement.

We, the Mission Board of the Southern District of Iowa, petition District Meeting to take steps towards increasing the endowment fund for District work.

Motion passed that the Mission Board be recommended to make an effort along this line, and put men in the field to work up an interest if they wish.

We, the Mission Board of Southern Iowa, ask this District Meeting what they think of purchasing a parsonage for the Mt. Etna mission point.

Motion passed that the committee shall confer with the present owner of the property, and if terms can be arrived at they shall buy the property, provided the money can be raised without placing a levy on the District.

Inasmuch as the Crooked Creek church has not been used for services for several years, and the house is in very bad condition, the elders have thought it advisable to sell the church property, but leave the organization stand if the four remaining members shall so desire.

The work and desire of the elders is accepted, and it is also further agreed that in case a Brethren church should be built in Washington County in the future, the money from this sale shall be given to that purpose.

The Fairview church asks for District Meeting in 1920.

Their request is granted.

We, the elders of the Southern District of Iowa, assembled in our Elders' Meeting at the English River church, recommend the following resolutions:

That the following decisions of Annual Meeting, regarding the simple life and especially regarding the wearing of gold for display, and the wearing of hats by our sisters, and the use of musical instruments, shall be observed. We further recommend that this resolution shall be spread on the minutes of this District Meeting, and read by the pastors or elders to their respective congregations.

J. H. Brower, Clerk of District Meeting.

Passed by District Meeting.

Resolutions

1. That we express our gratitude for the providential blessings of our Heavenly Father in this season of Christian fellowship and devotions.

2. That we express our heartfelt appreciation to the brethren of the English River and the North English congregations for the sacrificing manner in which they have so efficiently provided for our temporal needs.

3. That we tender our thanks to Brethren M. W. Emmert, of Mount Morris College, and Roger D. Winger, representing the General Mission Board, and Sisters Sadie J. Miller, of India, and Anna Blough, of China, who, by their presence and inspiration, have so helpfully contributed to the success of the meeting.

D. H. Fouts,
Roger D. Winger,
Committee.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 2, 9 A. M.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. Wm. E. Thompson was chosen as Moderator, Glenn Carr as Reading Clerk, and Maud Koons as Writing Clerk.

J. D. Brower made an address of welcome, after which the following program was given:

Workable Methods for Increasing the Enrollment of the S. S.—J. H. Keller.

The Forward Movement should lift us out of the old ruts, and help us to move forward with more zeal than ever before. A great responsibility rests upon the teachers.

Workable Methods for Keeping Them in S. S.—L. A. Walker.

The officers and teachers should be on time and open the school on time. Don't let the school drag. The children deserve the best of equipment. Make each pupil feel that he has a part to play in making the school a success. Organized classes, outings, contests, may all be used to good advantage at times. Meet all new scholars with a hearty welcome.

Best Methods to Be Used in Bringing Them to Christ.—Jasper Smith.

Much depends on the teacher. The teacher should take the pupil and parent into his confidence. The children may not read their Bible, but they will read their teacher.

The Two Ends of the S. S. Session.—Roger D. Winger.

The opening of the Sunday-school should be of such a devotional nature that the pupil is lifted into the presence of God. Make the opening and closing exercises so attractive that each one will be anxious to be there. Teachers cannot expect their pupils to be on time when they are late. The superintendent must be alive and awake to the best interests of the school, and not afraid of service,

Maud Koons,
Writing Clerk.

MINISTERIAL MEETING

Thursday Afternoon, Oct. 2, 1919

The following officers were in charge of the meeting: Jasper Smith, Moderator; Wilmer Ogden, Reading Clerk; Wm. E. Thompson, Writing Clerk.

The roll call of the ministers showed that the ministers were interested in the work of the District, for they were nearly all there.

The program was planned under two general heads: The Evangelist's Part in the Forward Movement and the Pastor's Problems Relative to the Forward Movement.

The Evangelist's Mission.—Wm. E. Thompson.

The first and greatest duty of the evangelist is to be a real soul winner. Preach the Word. The greatest need of the world is not for greater battleships, machine guns, and airplanes, but more

of the religion of Jesus Christ. The Word which Paul declared to be sharper than any two-edged sword still has that same power if rightly applied.

Sister Sadie Miller: The evangelist may reach any who are thought to be past redemption if he only goes after them.

The Evangelist's Attitude to the Local Church.—M. W. Emmert.

As each person has his or her own individuality, so each church has an individuality peculiar to itself, and the evangelist must learn to adapt himself to the conditions, and make himself as agreeable as possible. He need not expect to find all churches up to his ideals, and he must be very tactful in bringing about reformations. Start all converts out on a scriptural standard. The converts should not join the evangelist, but Jesus Christ.

The Pastor's Problems in the City.—Wm. Long.

The pastor's problems may be partly overcome by living close to God. Service should be the watchword of the pastor.

The Pastor's Problems in the Country Church.—W. N. Glotfelty.

One of the great needs of the country churches is efficient leadership. The people are not interested in the salvation of souls as they are in material things. The members are scattered and hard to reach. The social development of the young people is another big thing. We should not neglect the assembling of ourselves together.

The Pastor's Problems in Evangelism and Conservation of Its Results.—Roger D. Winger.

We must crown Jesus perfectly in our lives as King of kings. If Jesus is Lord at all he wants to be Lord of all. With so many other nations looking towards us, it behooves us as Christian people to do our level best. With millions passing every minute without Jesus Christ we should get awake to the great responsibility placed upon us. The church is not a haven for souls, but a hospital for sinners. We have had too much of a talking religion and not enough of a practical religion. The pastor must be a leader.

How Increase the Use of Our Church Literature.—H. N. Butler.

Our future depends much on our literature, and if we can get it into our homes there will be a mighty revival in the church. We should help our children to do more and better than we have.

Pastor's Problems in Organizing His Forces.—Abram Wolf.

We must be organized to accomplish the desired end. We should encourage our young people in service for the King of

kings. We should never be satisfied until we have done our best. Christ has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Have faith and confidence in God.

Wm. E. Thompson,
District Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1920

Including also Sunday-school Conference, Ministerial Meeting, Missionary Meeting, and Christian Workers' Society. Meeting held at Fairview church, near Udell, Iowa, Sept. 22, 23 and 24, 1920.

Wm. N. Glotfelly, moderator; Chas. Colyn, reading clerk; Wm E. Thompson, writing clerk.

The roll call of the churches was responded to by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs	Dora Hutchison
Crooked Creek	Not represented
English River	W. D. Grove, H. C. N. Coffman
Fairview	Anthony Sanger, Orlando Ogden
Franklin	Edgar Caster
Libertyville	H. B. Johnson, Wilber L. Ogden
Monroe County	Frank Cook, Sarah Grove
Mt. Etna	Harry K. Rogers
North English	S. A. Miller, Ina M. Nash
Osceola	Chas. A. Colyn, Nora Colyn
Salem	Homer F. Caskey
South Keokuk	H. N. Butler, Mabel Wonderlich
Ottumwa	Lillie M. Thompson

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL BOARD

Churches

Council Bluffs: Elder in charge, W. D. Grove; Clarence Schrock, pastor; minister, Samuel Schlotman.

English River: Elder in charge, J. D. Brower; elders, H. C. N. Coffman, W. D. Grove; minister, Jasper Smith.

North English: Elder in charge, W. H. Long; elders, D. P. Miller, A. W. Miller; minister, Lawrence Miller.

Fairview: Elder in charge, Orlando Ogden; elder, Anthony Sanger.

Franklin: Elder in charge, A. L. Sears; minister, Frank Garber.

Libertyville: Elder in charge, W. N. Glotfelly; elder, A. Wolf; minister, J. H. Price.

Monroe County: Elder in charge, D. H. Fouts.

Mt. Etna: Elder in charge, Wm. U. Wagner; pastor, L. A. Walker; minister, Harry Rogers.

Salem: Elder in charge, Wm. U. Wagner; pastor, Wm. U. Wagner; elder, Homer Caskey.

South Keokuk: Elder in charge, H. N. Butler; elder, Frank Shelly; minister, Morris Lough.

Ottumwa: Elder in charge, Wm. E. Thompson; pastor, Wm. E. Thompson.

Osceola: Elder in charge, J. D. Brower; minister, Chas. Colyn.

Died during the year: Elders Daniel Holder and J. H. Brower. Moved out of the District during the year: Elders Elmer Fouts and J. H. Keller.

Minor Hoover, Glenn Carr and W. L. Ogden were called to the ministry.

The board is trying to encourage young men to prepare for the ministry. They are trying to keep in touch with those making changes. They invite the coöperation of members of the District.

Tabulated Report of the Churches

	Membership	Elders	Ministers	Deacons	Places of App't.	App's. per Month	S. S.	Baptisms	Added by Letter	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
Council Bluffs	60	2	1	1	8	1	28						
Crooked Creek	5										4	12	
English River	173	3	1	9	1	8	1	1	5				
North English	70	3	1	2	1	8	1	7			1	8	
Fairview	57	3		4	1	8	1	2	4			1	7
Franklin	29	1	1	2	1	4	2	7				1	5
Libertyville	104	2	2	6		8	2	4	8		1	2	5
Monroe County	71	1		10	1	4	1	10		1	1	1	2
Mt. Etna	38		2	4	1	7	1	2					4
Salem	53	2		4	1	4	1	2					7
South Keokuk	62	2	1	6	1	8	1	7		1	2		3
Ottumwa	86	1		3	3	10	1	16				2	
Osceola	31		2	4	1	4	1	3				2	6
Total	839	18	12	55	13	81	14	89	17	1	2	14	59

Officers and Committees, with Dates of Expiration

Committee on Resolutions: A. L. Sears, J. D. Brower, L. A. Walker, 1921.

Mission Board: W. D. Grove, 1923; A. L. Sears, 1922; A. H. Brower, 1921.

District Treasurer: Sam Brower, South English, Iowa.

Sunday-school Secretary: A. W. Miller, 1923.

Trustees of Old Folks' Home: A. H. Brower, 1922; F. H. Heilman, 1921.

Secretary of Sisters' Aid Society: Sylvia Senger, 1921.

Trustees of Mt. Morris College: W. D. Grove, 1922; W. N. Glotfelty, 1921.

Ministerial Board: Orlando Ogden, 1923; J. D. Brower, 1922; W. N. Glotfelty, 1921.

Child Rescue Committee: H. C. N. Coffman, 1923; J. D. Brower, 1922; H. N. Butler, 1921.

Temperance Committee: D. P. Miller, 1923; Sadie Whisler, Udell, 1922; Homer Caskey, 1921.

Lecture Bureau: Harry Rogers, 1923; W. N. Glotfelty, 1922; Jasper Smith, 1921.

Member on Standing Committee: W. N. Glotfelty; alternate, W. D. Grove.

MISCELLANEOUS

The committee for arranging a church history of Southern Iowa reports progress, but asks for more time to complete the work. Request granted.

The Lecture Bureau reports W. R. Miller and Captain Wiard as doing splendid work in the District during the year.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MISSION BOARD

Expense of Mission Work in the Southern District of Iowa

Ottumwa

W. E. Thompson, salary	\$1,050.00
Insurance	46.32
Electric lights	54.21
O. F. Feiler, meeting	80.00
W. E. Thompson, A. M.	10.00
Screens, etc.	8.48
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	\$1,249.01

Council Bluffs

C. E. Schrock, salary	\$1,200.00
A. L. Sears, railroad fare	7.50
W. D. Grove, railroad fare	10.00

Water glass for door, etc.	5.16
Insurance	25.50
C. C. Kindy, series of meetings	99.00
C. E. Schrock, board	11.55
Water repairs, etc.	24.17
Nicodemus Bible Institute	45.00
Schrock, board	10.00
Schrock, A. M.	10.00
Floor in parsonage	61.87
Song books for Council Bluffs	12.50
	\$1,522.25

Mt. Etna

L. A. Walker, salary	\$ 690.00
J. F. Swallow, meeting	75.00
Walker, soliciting for endowment	34.65
For filling appointments while soliciting	8.00
	\$ 807.65

Brethren Publishing House, for printing endowment bonds	20.16
Balance on hand, Sept. 30, 1919	523.10
Received from General Mission Board	300.00
From secretary	3,636.31
	\$4,459.41
Received	4,459.41
Paid out	3,599.07
	\$ 860.34

W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF DISTRICT MISSION BOARD

Money Received

Council Bluffs	\$ 25.00
English River	964.44
Fairview	379.00
Franklin	115.00
Libertyville	168.20
Monroe County	75.00
North English	288.75
Ottumwa	50.00

Osceola	60.00
Salem	360.00
South Keokuk	386.00
Crooked Creek church property	498.00
Interest on endowment	256.92
Thompson, on house wiring	10.00
	\$3,636.31
Paid W. D. Grove, treasurer	3,636.31

Mt. Etna church paid \$30, which, by mistake, was placed in the Old Folks' Home fund and will be returned later.

Council Bluffs, Sept. 1, 1919, to Aug. 31, 1920

Sermons by pastor	80
Sermons by others	25
Lectures by others	5
Shop talks by pastor	13
Revival meetings	2
(One by Bro. C. C. Kindy, of Huntington, Ind., and one by pastor)	
Bible Institutes (Bro. R. H. Nicodemus, instructor)	1
Sunday-school, held regularly.	
Special programs	4
Prayer meetings at church	45
Cottage prayer meetings	25
Marriages	5
Funerals	4
Council meetings	4
Communions	1
Baptisms	28

Clarence E. Schrock, Pastor.

Ottumwa Church, Aug. 1, 1919, to Sept. 1, 1920

Sermons preached	126
Prayer meetings	50
Other speakers during the year	11
One revival meeting with baptisms	10
Baptized at regular services	7
Pastoral calls	350
Tracts distributed	1,000
Communions	2

Funerals	5
Marriages	2
Garments distributed'	90
Picnics	4
Special programs	3
Ordination to the ministry during the year	1

We feel that the work is in a prosperous condition, and the interest among the young folks is splendid, for which we are very glad. We have a splendid Christian Workers' Meeting.

We thank the Mission Board for their help during the year and for the coöperation of the entire District. May God richly bless us all as we shall strive to do his will, and help us to keep the church pure and unspotted from the world. Remember us in your prayers.

Wm. E. Thompson, Pastor.

Mount Etna Church

Sermons by L. A. Walker	59
Sermons by Harry K. Rogers	10
Sermons by J. F. Swallow	11
Sermons by others	8
Lectures given	5
Business meetings	3
Love feasts	1
Cottage prayer meetings	29
Sunday-school sessions	51
Christian Workers' meetings	25
Special programs	3
Anointing services	2
Funeral services at church	2
Baptisms	11
Calls and visits	174

L. A. Walker, Pastor.

Summary

Total number of sermons	330
Lectures	10
Prayer meetings	149
Baptisms	56

A. H. Brower, Secretary.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT**Receipts**

1919

Oct. 3, W. G. Caskey, former treasurer	\$ 73.03
Oct. 3, Crooked Creek	2.50
Oct. 3, Council Bluffs	10.00
1920	
Aug. 19, South Keokuk	21.00
Sept. 13, South Ottumwa	14.00
Sept. 15, North English	31.15
Total	\$151.68

Expenditures

1919

Oct. 3, A. L. Sears, trip to Council Bluffs and New Market \$ 10.00	
Dec. 1, J. B. Deeter, Annual Meeting Treas., 3c per member	21.87
Dec. 4, District Meeting Minutes	26.78
1920	
July 5, A. L. Sears, delegate to Annual Meeting	32.00
Sept. 18, Wm. E. Thompson, for District programs	12.00
Total	\$102.65

S. E. Brower, Treasurer.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME FOR YEAR
1919-1920****Receipts**

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1919	\$ 246.35
Borrowed from Swan Anderson	200.00
Sold from the Home	410.00
Received from board	800.00
Sale of hay on Dakota land	80.00
From an individual	10.00
From Southern District	976.95
From Middle District	1,301.19
From Northern District	1,700.00
Borrowed from bank of Ankeny	500.00
	1,000.00
	200.00
	500.00

	1,500.00
	2,000.00
	300.00
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	\$11,724.49
Borrowed from Mission Board, Southern Dist., Sept. 1, '20,	1,200.00
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	\$12,924.49

Disbursements

Superintendent and family, extra help	\$1,588.12
Groceries, meat and flour	1,559.40
Coal	633.63
Electric light installed in Home	1,309.53
Taxes on Dakota land	121.13
Gasoline and oils	292.88
Doctor's services, and drugs	466.04
Male hog and mare	225.00
Insurance	21.07
Bedding, dishes and papering	93.42
Plumbing supplies and labor	147.22
Oats and seeds	130.74
Telephone and tolls	25.90
Trustees' expenses, postage, stationery	70.32
Miscellaneous expenses	390.45
Paid bank	3,200.00
Paid interest on money borrowed	170.30
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	\$10,445.15
Sept. 1, Paid note and interest	1,002.17
Sept. 1, Paid on note and interest	1,239.80
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	\$12,687.12
Cash on hand	237.37
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	\$12,924.49

Bills Payable

Bank of Ankeny	\$1,600.00
Southern District	1,200.00
Swan Anderson	200.00
Rose Bell	400.00

Inventory, Aug. 18, 1920

Oats, 416 buhels; corn, 19 acres; hay, 20 tons.

Three horses, 7 cows, 1 bull, 5 heifers, 8 calves.

Hogs, 5 sows, 1 male, 30 pigs.

Number of inmates in Home, 14.

Deaths during the year, one. Sister Sarah Rife of Lone Tree, died in the Home Oct. 31, age 82.

The trustees ask from the District for the support of the Home for this year: Southern, \$1,050; Middle, \$1,900; Northern, \$2,000.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

	1918	1919
Sunday-schools reporting	13	14
Schools in session all year	12	13
Teacher-training enrollment	11	12
Schools having teachers' meetings	4	4
Total offering	\$1,082.36	\$1,223.42
Amount for General Sunday School Board	13.25	16.67
Offerings for mission purposes	678.58	620.03
Officers and teachers	132	140
Home Department enrollment	80	109
Cradle Roll enrollment	178	134
Main school enrollment	914	859
Total enrollment	1,172	1,109
Average attendance	631	585
Organized classes	13	19
Pupils converted during year	11	65
Publications used:		
Teachers' Monthly	12	12
Advanced Quarterly	12	13
Home Department Quarterly	6	7
Intermediate Quarterly	6	7
Junior Quarterly	9	11
Primary Quarterly	1	6
Foundation Truths	4	2
Child's Life of Christ	3	2
Our Young People	11	11
Our Boys and Girls	10	11
Children at Work	11	12
Schools using other literature	1	4
Front Line schools		

Banner schools	1	3
Star schools	3	5

A. W. Miller, Secretary.

CHILD RESCUE COMMITTEE

The Child Rescue Committee reports \$25.19 in the treasury.

J. D. Brower, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AID SOCIETY, JAN. 1, 1919, TO JAN. 1, 1920

Franklin Church: Enrollment, 12; average attendance, 5; gave to home congregation to be used on new church, \$200; Armenian Relief, \$5. Received during year, \$186.69.

Council Bluffs: Enrollment, 18; average attendance, 8; gave home congregation, \$19. Received during the year, \$46.

English River: Enrollment, 22; average attendance, 10; made and gave away clothing. Received during the year, \$21.73.

South Keokuk: Enrollment, 19; average attendance, 8; gave one-half day's work and quilt to needy. Received during the year, \$59.71. Gave \$5 to W. R. Miller.

Monroe County: Average attendance, 8; pieced and quilted one comforter; gave to foreign work, \$40. Received during the year, \$70.06.

Fairview: Enrollment, 12; average attendance, 5; gave home congregation, \$10.31; sent Messenger to 10 homes; gave State District 25 cents; gave box of clothing to Ottumwa church; gave foreign work, \$25.

Libertyville: Enrollment, 24; average attendance, 12; gave to home congregation, \$7.25; sent 2 bags of clothing to Ottumwa church; gave girls' boarding school in India, \$20; gave United War campaign, \$10. Received during the year, \$47.

Ottumwa: Enrollment, 12; average attendance, 6; gave home congregation, \$53.09; gave District Missions, \$5. Received during the year, \$74.04.

Maud Koons Bartholow, Secretary.

QUERIES

1. Relocation and Financial Plans for Old Folks' Home.—The secretary was instructed to inform the Northern and Southern Districts of a query which came to the District Meeting of Middle Iowa, from the Dallas Center church in 1917, which reads as follows: "In view of the fact that there is a general dissatisfaction throughout the District regarding the present location of the Old Folks' Home, We, the Dallas Center church, therefore petition the District of Middle Iowa to take up the matter of relocating

the Home. Spread on the minutes for one year. Decided to turn the petition over to the trustees of the Home for their consideration and investigation.

"J. K. Miller, Secretary."

Answer.—We favor relocation, and submit the matter to the trustees to work out plans for its relocation and financial plans for its support; and further require them to submit their plans to the Districts of Iowa for approval.

2. Basement for Ottumwa Church.—We, the Ottumwa church, ask District Meeting that some one be permitted to solicit funds for putting a basement under the Ottumwa church.

Answer.—This matter is left in the hands of the District Mission Board.

3. We, the English River congregation, urge the congregations of our District to carry out the decisions of Annual Meeting in regard to sisters wearing hats. See decision of Annual Meeting, 1911, and reprint of 1917, and sanctioned by Conference of 1920.

Answer.—Passed.

4. The Franklin and Osceola churches asked for District Meeting next year. It was decided to go to the Franklin church for the 1921 Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

We express our gratitude to God, our Heavenly Father, for his watchful care over us during the past year and the privilege of meeting again in this District Conference, and for the spiritual blessings enjoyed during this season of fellowship and worship together.

We express to the brethren and sisters of the Fairview church and community our appreciation for their labor of love and sacrifice in providing for our temporal needs.

We tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters of other Districts for their presence and help in making this meeting a success.

A. L. Sears,
J. D. Brower,
L. A. Walker,

Committee on Resolutions.

Wm. E. Thompson,
District Clerk.

ELDERS' MEETING, SEPT. 22, AFTERNOON

Elders' meeting was held at the home of Orlando Ogden.

Harry Rogers spoke at the church on the subject of "What Is

My Chief Business in Life?" The theme of the evening services was along the line of Social Purity. Sister Nora Colyn gave a reading on "Personal Purity." Bishop D. W. Grove gave the address of the evening on the subject of "Evils of the Cigarette Habit." The way Bro. Grove handled this subject showed that he knew what he was talking about, and he did not have a very favorable picture to show of the tobacco user.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, A. M.

H. N. Butler was chosen moderator, Harry Rogers, reading clerk, and Homer C. Caskey, writing clerk.

Importance of Early Christian Training in the Home and Sunday-school.—L. A. Walker.

He believes the future progress of the church depends upon the training in the home and Sunday-school. There is a great responsibility upon the teachers and those in charge.

Organized Classes; Trained Teachers.—General discussion.

Organized efforts always pay best. We cannot afford to risk the training of our children to untrained teachers, any more than we would in our public schools.

Influence of the Teacher Upon the Pupil.—Wm. N. Glotfelty, Chas. Colyn.

Bro. Glotfelty spoke of the teacher's influence upon the conduct and ideals of the pupil, while Bro. Colyn told us how the teachers should use their influence in securing interest and co-operation among the pupils.

Possibilities of Vacation Bible Schools.—Wm. U. Wagner.

This subject is indeed a timely one, and it is time the brethren are getting awake on this question. Our opportunities are great along this line. Start a Vacation Bible School next summer.

MINISTERIAL MEETING, AFTERNOON, SEPT. 23

The following officers were chosen: Homer C. Caskey, moderator; Chas. Colyn, reading clerk; W. D. Grove, writing clerk.

Individual Responsibility of World Evangelism.—J. D. Brower.

He spoke of the ministers' duty, and of their high calling. He believes that if they fulfill their sacred obligation they will have no time for anything except the ministry. He also showed that there is a part for the laity to perform, for how is the preacher to go unless he be sent?

Duties of Ministers to Converts.—H. C. N. Coffman, Wm. U. Wagner.

Bro. Coffman spoke of the ministers' duty to converts before baptism, and Bro. Wagner spoke of their duty after baptism. Much depends upon the elders and pastors. May God give us men who are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

Developing Spirituality.—John Heckman.

We grow by doing. Service is the secret of catching the spirit. The blessing is on the other side of obedience. The spiritual blessing comes after we have performed the act.

The Need of the District.—H. N. Butler.

The great need of our District is for soul winners—men who are fired by the Holy Spirit with a passion for souls.

Distribution of Our Ministers.—D. P. Miller.

Our ministers should locate where they can do the most good. Some churches have six ministers, while other churches have none.

Our Relation to the Home.—Wm. E. Thompson.

The home is fundamental in building society. There is no substitute for the home. The home is the greatest factor in civilization. The double standard of morals is causing much harm.

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT. 23**How Create Interest in the Christian Workers' Band.—Homer C. Caskey, C. E. Delp.**

We must get a new vision of the great needs of the world. The leaders must first get up interest. The leader who has lost interest in souls has lost sight of Jesus.

Stirring Up Dormant Talent.—D. H. Fouts.

If things don't move, move them. We have plenty of talent if we can only get it to act.

Missionary Sermon.—A. P. Blough.

I am not discouraged with the outlook of the church. Evangelism is the order of the day. The challenge is that we rally to the call of the King of kings.

At the close of this meeting fifteen came forward and dedicated their lives anew to some special service in the church. It was indeed a spiritual meeting.

MINUTES OF 1921

Meeting held at Franklin church, near Leon, Iowa, Sept. 16, 1921.

Moderator, J. D. Brower; reading clerk, M. A. Whisler; writing clerk, H. F. Caskey.

The roll call found the churches of the District represented by the following delegates:

Council Bluffs	Leander Smith
Crooked Creek	Not represented
English River	Wm. Senger, J. D. Brower
Fairview	J. W. Tarrence, M. A. Whisler
Franklin	F. A. Garber
Libertyville	Chas. F. Smith, Glenn Carr
Monroe County	Mary Roberts
Mt. Etna	Harry K. Rogers
North English	Mrs. S. A. Miller, A. W. Miller
Osceola	Dollie Forman, Chas. A. Colyn
Salem	H. F. Caskey
South Keokuk	H. N. Butler
Ottumwa	Wm. E. Thompson

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL BOARD

One minister was chosen during the year, M. A. Whisler.

One minister moved into our District—Leander Smith.

Those who moved out were: Wm. U. Wagner, L. A. Walker, J. H. Price, Clarence E. Schrock.

This board is advised to comply with the decision of A. M. in regard to duty.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME FROM SEPT. 1, 1920, TO JULY 7, 1921, BY J. K. MILLER

Bro. G. W. Keedy, manager of the Old Folks' Home, being present, reported some conditions there. The relocation of the Home was discussed at some length.

It was decided that we, the Southern District of Iowa, grant to the trustees of the Old Folks' Home the privilege to proceed with its relocation.

HISTORY OF SOUTHERN IOWA

A. H. Brower reported material all in hand but not printed

as yet. It was decided that Bro. A. H. Brower succeed himself as this committee, and he was instructed to complete the work.

BASEMENT IN OTTUMWA CHURCH

The Mission Board reported that the basement had not as yet been built under the Ottumwa church.

It was decided that the privilege be extended for money to be solicited from the District to accomplish that work.

MISSION BOARD REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand at last report	\$ 860.34
From General Mission Board	500.00
From District Secretary	2,704.11
Total received	\$4,064.45

Expenditures, total paid out, \$3,067.34; balance, \$997.11.

W. D. Grove, Treasurer.

Sermons, 343; baptized, 56.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Receipts, balance on hand, \$49.03; total receipts, \$218.03; expenditures, \$175.65; balance on hand, \$42.38.

S. E. Brower, District Treasurer.

MT. MORRIS COLLEGE

Bro. John Heckman reported the condition of the school and asked for the privilege of soliciting the District for funds, that the school may soon become a standard school. His plans were favorably received and the request granted.

COMMITTEES OF VARIOUS BOARDS

Resolution: Sadie Whisler, Sylvia Sanger.

Mission Board: A. H. Brower, 1924; W. D. Grove, 1923; A. L. Sears, 1922.

District Treasurer: Sam Brower, 1922.

Sunday School Secretary: A. W. Miller, 1922.

Old Folks' Home: F. H. Heilman, 1923; A. H. Brower, 1922.

Secretary of Ladies' Aid Society: Sylvia Sanger, 1922.

Trustee Mt. Morris College: W. N. Glotfelty, 1923; W. D. Grove, 1922.

Ministerial Board: W. N. Glotfelty, 1924; Orlando Ogden, 1923; J. D. Brower, 1922.

Child Rescue Committee: H. N. Butler, 1924; H. C. N. Coffman, 1923; J. D. Brower, 1922.

Temperance Committee: H. F. Caskey, 1924; D. R. Miller, 1923; Sadie Whisler, Udell, 1922.

Lecture Bureau: Jasper Smith, 1924; Harry Rogers, 1923; W. N. Glotfelty, 1922.

District Missionary Secretary: Elsie West, 1922.

Decided to grant the trustees of the Old Folks' Home the privilege to solicit the District for endowment for the Home.

QUERIES

We, the North English church, request District Meeting that the time of the District Meeting be changed to the last week in August.

Answer.—That we have our District Meeting on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the last Monday in August.

We, the North English church, request the District Meeting for 1922.

Answer.—Request granted.

Report of Aid Society, January, 1920, to January, 1921.

TABULATED REPORT OF THE CHURCHES

		Membership	Elders	Ministers	Deacons	Places of App't.	App'ts. per Mo.	S S.	Baptisms	Added by Letter	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out
Council Bluffs	64	1	2	1	1	8	1	10	2	0	3	0	8	
Crooked Creek	5													
English River	160	4			12	1	8	1	0	5	0	2	2	14
Fairview	65	2	1	4	1	1	8	1	13	0	1	0	0	6
Franklin	30	1	1	2	2	1	4	1	8	5	0	2	0	0
Libertyville	115	2	2	7	7	2	6	2	0	0	0	2	1	0
Monroe County	71	1		10	1	4	1	1	8	1	0	2	0	4
Mt. Etna	42	0	1	4	1	7	1	1	8	0	0	0	0	4
North English	74	3	1	2	2	8	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	4
Ottumwa	87	1	1	3	1	8	1	8	0	0	1	3	2	2
Osceola	35	0	2	5	1	4	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Salem	50	1		4	1	8	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	6
South Keokuk	62	2	1	6	1	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	860	18	12	60	14	81	13	49	32	2	12	6	44	

MINUTES OF 1922

Including also Sunday-school Conference, Ministerial Meeting, Missionary Meeting, and Christian Workers, held at North English, Iowa, Aug. 13-25, 1922.

Moderator, W. D. Grove; reading clerk, Jasper Smith; writing clerk, Wm. E. Thompson.

The following delegates responded to the call of their respective churches:

Council Bluffs	Leander Smith
English River	I. M. Weaver, Jasper Smith
Fairview	Sadie Whisler, M. A. Whisler
Franklin	Edgar Caster
Libertyville	Sadie Boysel, Jessie Carr
Monroe County	D. H. Fouts
Mt. Etna	Lulu Angus
North English	D. P. Miller, Jossie Long
Osceola	Emma Props, Chas. C. Colyn
Salem	H. F. Caskey
South Keokuk	Mabel Wonderlich, Mollie Heilman
Ottumwa	Lillie Thompson, Beatrice Bishop

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF MISSION BOARD

Work at Mt. Etna, Sept. 1, 1921, to Aug. 1, 1922

Sermons by Harry K. Rogers	56
Sermons by Jason Eddy	17
Sermons by others	10
Special programs	3
Sunday-school sessions	51
Cottage prayer meetings	40
Love feasts	2
Business meetings	5
Anointing services	1
Funeral services	2
Baptisms at regular services	4
Reclaimed	5
One revival meeting—baptized	5
Pastoral calls	186
Received by letter	6
Marriages	3

Harry K. Rogers, Pastor.

Work at Ottumwa, Sept. 1, 1921, to Aug. 1, 1922

The Lord has most graciously blessed the efforts put forth by the brethren and sisters of the Ottumwa church during the year.	
One revival was conducted by L. A. Walker—baptized	13
One revival by the pastor—baptized	7
At regular service—baptized	2
Pastor gave two weeks' Bible lectures in February.	
Average attendance at prayer meeting	39
Sermons by pastor	110
Marriages	3
Funerals	4
Anointed	3
Socials	20
Sermons by others	35

The pastor has also had an appointment every two weeks at a country church during the summer.

Wm. E. Thompson, Pastor.

Work at Council Bluffs, Sept. 1, 1921, to Aug. 1, 1922

Sundays spent in the work	48
Regular sermons preached	96
Special sermons preached	8
Funeral sermons preached	6
Bible classes taught	48
Anointed	1
House-to-house visits made	1,078
Number of pages of literature distributed	51,242
Council meetings	4

We want to thank the District Mission Board for the interest they have given the work at this place. We ask for the prayers and coöperation in the great work at this place.

Leander Smith.

808 Avenue E, Council Bluffs, Ia.

Total number of sermons preached during the year	344
Total number baptized	31

A. H. Brower, Secretary.

Financial Report

Council Bluffs	\$ 23.00
English River	1,021.86
Fairview	185.00
Franklin	134.00
Libertyville	109.50

North English	30.00
South Keokuk	386.00
Ottumwa	30.00
Salem	75.00
Interest on endowment	491.49
Total	2,505.85
Paid W. D. Grove	2,505.85

A. H. Brower, Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD TREASURER, AUG. 25, 1922

Receipts

Balance on hand at last report	\$ 997.11
Received from secretary	2,505.85
Received from General Mission Board	400.00
 Total received	 \$3,902.96

Expenditures

Ottumwa:	
W. E. Thompson, salary	\$1,100.00
A. L. Sears, board meeting	13.21
L. A. Walker, meeting	63.00
W. E. Thompson, ministerial board	25.00
Pump repairs, etc.	34.92
 Total	 \$1,236.13
Council Bluffs:	
Leander Smith, salary	\$ 990.00
A. L. Sears, trip to C. B.	13.60
Repairs on parsonage, etc.	79.06
Insurance	11.50
 Total	 \$1,094.16
Mt. Etna:	
Harry Rogers, salary	\$ 220.00
Bro. Eddy, meeting	62.20
 Interest on Endowment:	 \$ 282.20
	\$ 51.62
	1,236.13
	1,094.16
	282.20
 Total paid out	 \$2,664.11
Balance	\$1,238.85

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand, Sept. 16, 1921	\$ 42.38
English River	20.72
Crooked Creek .....	.60
Franklin	3.48
Council Bluffs	7.20
Libertyville	12.48
Fairview	8.84
North English	8.40
Mt. Etna	4.56
Ottumwa	10.32
South Keokuk	7.44
Salem	6.36
Total receipts	\$132.78

Expenditures

H. F. Caskey, trip to Mt. Etna	\$ 2.00
District Meeting Minutes	28.15
Annual Meeting treasurer	51.60
Anthony Sanger, delegate to A. M.	33.62
Total expenditures	\$115.37
Balance in treasury	17.41

S. E. Brower, District Treasurer.

REPORT OF OLD FOLKS' HOME, JULY 7, 1921, TO JULY

20, 1922

Receipts

Cash on hand July 7, 1921	\$ 765.29
Sold from Home	499.65
From Catharine Blubaugh	200.00
From Frances Beeghly	80.00
Funeral expenses	62.00
J. N. Sweitzer	520.00
Endowment interest	2.30
From Southern District	800.85
From Middle District	1,102.03
From Northern District	1,500.00
From A. H. Brower	400.00
From John Zuck	100.00
From U. J. Fike	100.00
From Bank of Ankeny	1,000.00

From Bank of Ankeny	200.00
From C. H. Erb	1,000.00
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	\$8,632.12

Disbursements

Superintendent and extra help	\$2,027.10
Groceries, meat, flour, etc.	1,072.69
Doctor's services and medicine	192.92
Coal	474.04
Insurance	20.92
Gasoline, kerosene oil	111.63
Electric light and supplies	164.92
Hardware, plumbing and labor	90.35
Material bought, wire, posts, twine, etc.	53.09
Interest paid on borrowed money	482.29
Taxes	84.24
Funeral expenses	64.00
Trustees' expenses	90.87
Ice	34.00
Notes paid	3,400.00
Shelling corn and threshing	16.00
Miscellaneous expenses	130.81
Total	\$8,519.87
Cash on hand July 20, 1922	112.25
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	\$8,632.12

Bills Payable

Bank of Ankeny	\$1,000.00
Bank of Ankeny	800.00
Bank of Ankeny	500.00
Southern District	1,200.00
C. H. Erb	1,000.00
Rose Bell	400.00
Swan Anderson	200.00

Inventory, July 1, 1922

Three horses, 5 cows, 2 heifers. 7 calves, 1 bull, 5 brood sows, 30 pigs, 48 hens, 200 spring chicks.

Eighteen acres oats, 22 acres corn, 6 acres old hay, 8 acres new hay, 30 tons hay in barn.

One and one-half acres potatoes, 1 acre sweet corn.

Sold during the year, 4 cows, 2 calves. 18 head fat hogs.

Butchered, 2 spring calves, 6 hogs.

Number of aged in the Home, 10.

Deaths during the year, 3.

Left the Home, 1.

None received, no applicants.

Health, fine.

Four thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars is asked for the years 1922-1923.

Northern District	\$1,800.00
Middle District	1,700.00
Southern District	950.00

R. W. Bentall, Secretary.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL SECRETARY

Schools in District	13
Schools in session all year	13
Enrolled in teacher training	15
Schools having teachers' meetings	2
Total offering for year	\$1,365.05
Total offering for Sunday School Board	8.25
Total offering for mission work	640.86
Total officers and teachers	140
Home department enrollment	44
Cradle roll enrollment	134
Main school enrollment	874
Total enrollment	1,069
Average attendance	636
Number of organized classes	24
Number of conversions	61
Schools using Teachers' Monthly	12
Schools using Advanced Quarterly	13
Schools using Home Department Quarterly	5
Schools using Intermediate Quarterly	6
Schools using Junior Quarterly	9
Schools using Primary Quarterly	7
Schools using graded lessons	1
Schools using Our Young People	11
Schools using Our Boys and Girls	12
Schools using Children at Work	11
Schools using other literature	4
Boys of Today, Girls of Today	1
Foundation Truths	2

A. H. Miller, Sunday School Secretary.

TABULATED REPORT OF AID SOCIETIES

(See next page for report.)

MINISTERIAL REPORT

Churches with Their Ministers

Council Bluffs: Leander Smith, Samuel Schlotman.

English River: H. C. N. Coffman, J. D. Brower, W. D. Grove,

Jasper Smith.

TABULATED REPORT OF AID SOCIETIES

	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Meetings Held During the Year	Rec'd During the Year	Given to Home Missions	Given to Foreign Work	Other Purposes
Council Bluffs	17	8	23	\$ 81.09		\$ 10.00	\$ 44.30
English River		7	23	154.17		25.00	100.00
Fairview	16	7	21	94.83	\$ 21.00	25.00	
Franklin	11	5	10	111.56	35.00	25.00	71.62
Libertyville	25	16	7	70.08		25.00	
Monroe County	11	11	15	66.61		25.00	15.00
Mt. Etna .....							.80
North English	11	8	13	20.40			
Osceola							
Salem							
South Keokuk	12	10	20	41.63		26.00	
Ottumwa	10	6	14		1.00	10.00	

North English: D. P. Miller, W. H. Long, A. W. Miller, Lawrence Miller.

Fairview: Orlando Ogdern, Anthony Sanger, M. A. Whisler.

Franklin: A. L. Sears, F. A. Garber.

Libertyville: A. Wolf, W. N. Glotfelty, Glenn Carr, W. L. Ogden.

Monroe County: D. H. Fouts.

Mt. Etna: Harry K. Rogers.

Salem: H. F. Caskey.

South Keokuk: H. N. Butler, Frank Shelly, Morris Lough.

Ottumwa: Wm. E. Thompson, Minor Hoover.

Osceola: Chas. Colyn.

The board urges that the churches give all the encouragement they can to advance the work of the ministry, and urge that the ministry be held in high esteem, that others may take up the work.

Committee,

J. D. Brower,
W. N. Glotfelty,
Orlando Ogdern.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The committee reports that through lack of coöperation of the churches, it was impossible to get temperance speakers into the District.

REPORT OF LECTURE BUREAU

The committee reports that not much work along this line was done during the year.

CHILD RESCUE

The Child Rescue Committee had no report to make.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY

The missionary secretary had no report to make.

ELECTION OF BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Delegate to Annual Meeting: Wm. E. Thompson, 1923; alternate, Leander Smith, 1923.

Resolutions: Stella Brower, Calvin Gibson, Mary Butler.

Apportionments: H. W. Coder, Clarence Brower, Sylvia Senger.

Mission Board: A. L. Sears, 1925; A. H. Brower, 1924; W. D. Grove, 1923.

District Treasurer: Sami Brower, 1923.

Sunday-school Secretary: _____, 1923.

Old Folks' Home: A. H. Brower, 1924; F. H. Heilman, 1923.

Secretary Ladies' Aid Society: Sylvia Senger, 1923.

Trustee Mount Morris College: W. D. Grove, 1927; W. N. Glotfelty, 1923.

Ministerial Board: J. D. Brower, 1925; W. N. Glotfelty, 1924; Orlando Ogden, 1923.

Child Rescue Committee: J. D. Brower, 1925; H. N. Butler, 1924; H. C. N. Coffman, 1923.

Temperance Committee: Sadie Whisler, 1925; H. F. Caskey, 1924; D. P. Miller, 1923.

Lecture Bureau: W. N. Glotfelty, 1925; Jasper Smith, 1924; Harry Rogers, 1923.

District Missionary Secretary: Elsie West, 1923.

District Clerk: Wm. E. Thompson, 1925.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. H. Brower reported on "History of Southern Iowa." He stated that the work is still in progress.

A motion was passed that the historical committee be authorized to have printed 500 copies, more or less, eliminating all reports in the minutes except one in five years; expense of printing

to be pro rated among the churches of the District, and as books are sold funds will be placed to the credit of the District, and held in the District treasury.

Those desiring a copy of this book should address, A. H. Brower, South English, Ia.

QUERIES

Salem church requests District Meeting for 1923. Request granted.

We, the Fairview church, ask District Meeting of Southern Iowa, assembled at North English, to rearrange the general program of our meeting so as to have the business session on the first day and a set time for closing with the missionary sermon, so as to lead to a more orderly closing of our District Meeting, that we might reach the grand climax at the closing hour.

This query was considered, with the third item of the query from the Libertyville church. A committee was appointed to investigate this matter fully and report at next District Meeting. Committee: H. F. Caskey, Orlando Ogden, J. D. Brower.

Owing to the size of the District, and the distance between the churches, our delegate body is not acquainted with the qualifications of the members of the different churches to fill the various offices; therefore, we, the Council Bluffs church, petition the District Meeting of Southern Iowa to grant the elders the privilege to nominate or recommend two names for each office.

Paper adopted.

We, the members of the Council Bluffs church, petition the District Meeting of Southern Iowa to devise some plan by which we may be able to distinguish between active and inactive members. Because of the fact that some do not help, either with their presence or with their money, we suggest that active members be classed as resident and inactive members as non-resident.

A committee of three was appointed to devise some plan by which we may be able to distinguish between active and inactive members. Committee: A. H. Brower, W. N. Glotfelty, H. F. Caskey.

We, the Libertyville church, ask District Meeting of 1922: First, That it be the duty of the District Clerk to announce time and place of District Meeting in the Gospel Messenger, at least six weeks in advance of time.

Second, That the District Clerk be elected for a term of three years instead of one.

Third, That the time of the business conference of the District Meeting be changed to the middle day of the combined meeting.

Fourth, That the District missions of Ottumwa and Council Bluffs be placed on a self-supporting basis by a gradual scale of self support.

Item No. 1, passed. Item No. 2, passed. No. 3, considered with query from Council Bluffs. No. 4, motion passed that this matter be placed in the hands of the Mission Board.

TABULATED REPORT OF THE CHURCHES

This report also gives the District apportionments for the coming year. The churches will please send their amount to the District treasurer, S. E. Brower, South English, Ia., by May 1, 1923.

	Membership	Elders	Ministers	Deacons	Places of App't.	App'ts. per Mo.	S. S.	Baptisms	Added by Letter	Reclaimed	Disowned	Deaths	Lettered Out	Apportionment
Council Bluffs ..	56	1	1	1	1	8	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	\$16.00
Crooked Creek ..														1.25
English River ...	157	4	0	11	1	8	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	40.00
Fairview	75	2	1	3	1	8	1	11	0	1	0	3	1	16.25
Franklin	30	2	0	2	1	4	1							7.50
Libertyville	115	2	2	7	2	10	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	28.75
Monroe County .	60	1	0	8	1		1	0						17.75
Mt. Etna	58	1	0	6	1	6	1	9	6	5	0	1	0	10.50
North English ..	75	3	1	3	1	8	1	1	2			2		18.50
Osceola	39	1	1	5	1	8	1	5						7.75
Salem	48	1	0	5	1	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	12.50
South Keokuk ..	60	2	1	5	1	6	1	5	0	0	1	4	0	15.50
Ottumwa	90	1	1	4	2	10	1	22	0	0	0	3	0	21.75

OTHER MEETINGS

Aug. 23. The elders held their conference at the home of J. S. Miller. H. C. N. Coffman was chosen moderator, with Jasper Smith, secretary. In the evening Nettie Senger gave a lecture.

Thursday, Aug. 24. The Sunday-school meeting was conducted in the forenoon, after the following officers were elected: Wm. E. Thompson, moderator; Lawrence Miller, reading clerk; Virgil Coffman, writing clerk.

The Ministerial Meeting was held in the afternoon, with the following officers: Moderator, H. F. Caskey; reading clerk, Beatrice Bishop; writing clerk, Jasper Smith.

Thursday evening: Illustrated lecture on Stewardship, C. H. Shamberger; missionary sermon, Nettie Senger; missionary sermon, A. P. Blough.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for his goodness and watchful care over us, for the privilege of meeting again in District Conference, and for the many spiritual blessings enjoyed during this meeting.

That we desire to express our sincere thanks to the members of the North English church, for their kind hospitality in caring for us.

That we express our thanks to the friends and neighbors who have so kindly assisted in caring for our needs.

That we express our thanks to those of like precious faith from outside the District, for their presence and inspiration.

Committee,

Stella Brower,
Calvin Gibson,
Mary Butler.

Wm. E. Thompson,
District Clerk.

MINUTES OF 1923

Including also Sunday-school Conference, Ministerial, Missionary and Christian Workers' Meetings, held at Salem church, Lenox, Iowa, Aug. 22-24, 1923.

The District Conference of 1924 will be held in the Libertyville church, twenty miles east of Ottumwa, Iowa, Aug. 20, 21, 22.

All material to be placed in the programs should be sent to the District Clerk, Wm. E. Thompson, 118 South Moore St., Ottumwa, Iowa.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE, AUG. 24, 1923

Devotional exercises were conducted by the retiring moderator, Eld. W. D. Grove. "Stepping in the Light" was sung as an opening song, after which Eld. W. N. Glotfelly led in prayer. The following organization was effected: Moderator, J. D. Brower; reading clerk, H. N. Butler. The 15th chapter of Acts was read by the reading clerk and briefly commented on by the moderator.

The following delegates responded to the call of their respective churches:

Council Bluffs	No delegate
English River	Clarence Brower, Earl F. Grove
Fairview	Orlando Ogden, M. A. Whisler
Franklin	Jemima Kob
Libertyville	I. A. Ogden, W. N. Glotfelly
Monroe County	A. R. McMulin, Mary Henderson
Mt. Etna	Anda L. Johnson, W. M. Hickcox
North English	S. A. Miller, W. H. Long
Osceola	Emma Propst
Salem	Minnie Wray, Almeda Caskey
South Keokuk	D. F. Shelly
Ottumwa	Jane Kirkendall, Gladys Paxton

**REPORT OF SECRETARY OF MISSION BOARD, AUG. 22,
1922, TO AUG. 20, 1923**

Financial Report

English River	\$ 790.74
Fairview	370.00
Franklin	25.00
Libertyville	475.50
Monroe County	100.00
Mt. Etna	55.00
North English	55.00
Salem	50.00
South Keokuk	341.00
Ottumwa	35.00
Interest on endowment	485.31
 Total	\$2,782.55
Paid W. D. Grove	2,782.25

Report of Mission Points

Mt. Etna Church, From Aug. 1, 1922, to Aug. 1, 1923

Sermons by Harry K. Rogers	58
Sermons by Glen R. Montz	18
Sermons by D. G. Couser	5
Sermons by others	3
Sunday-school sessions	49
Special programs	3
Prayer meetings	41
Love feasts	1
Business meetings	5
One revival meeting, baptized	4
Baptism at regular services	1
Pastoral calls	174
Funerals	3
Marriages	3

Harry K. Rogers, Pastor.

Ottumwa Church, From Aug. 1, 1922, to Aug. 1, 1923

Sermons by pastor	125
Sermons by others	20
Revival in home church by pastor	1
Revivals by others	1
Baptized	4
Marriages	5
Anointed	6
Love feasts	2
Socials	15

Church in good working condition.

Wm. E. Thompson, Pastor.

Council Bluffs, Iowa. From Aug. 1, 1922, to May 1, 1923

Sundays spent in the work	39
Week days spent in the work	234
Regular sermons preached	78
Special sermons preached	6
Funeral sermons preached	8
Anointed	5
Bible classes taught	39
Baptized	2
Marriages	4
House-to-house visits made	540
Number of pages of literature distributed	890
Council meetings	3

We were very sorry to have to give up the work, but the condition of our little daughter's health forced us to do it.

Leander Smith and Wife.

REPORT OF DISTRICT MISSION BOARD TREASURER

Aug. 21, 1923

On hand Aug. 25, 1922	\$1,238.85
Received of secretary	2,782.55
General Mission Board	400.00
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	\$4,421.40

Expenses

Interest on endowment	\$ 51.53
Council Bluffs, Leander Smith	\$ 810.00
Repair on coal house	12.52
Insurance	2.80
Insurance	11.50
W. W. Gibson, expenses	42.00
W. D. Grove	21.00
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	\$ 899.82

Ottumwa

W. E. Thompson	\$1,200.00
Painting parsonage	31.78
Thompson, soliciting	5.00
Mike Flory, meeting	60.50
Insurance	20.31
A. L. Sears, board meeting	7.90
Fence	1.80
Repair screens, etc.	26.30
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	\$1,353.59

Mt. Etna

Harry Rogers	\$ 240.00
Glen Montz, meeting	73.02
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	\$ 313.02
Total receipts	4,421.40
Total expense	2,617.96
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	\$1,803.44

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE OLD FOLKS' HOME, JULY
20, 1922, TO JULY 17, 1923**

Cash on hand July 20, 1922	\$ 112.25
Sold from home	564.07
Received from Catherine Blubaugh	500.00
Received from Coon River Sisters' Mission Circle	10.00
Received from Jennie B. Miller	10.00
Received from a friend	20.00
Received from Northern District	1,500.00
Received from Southern District	944.50
Received from Middle District	1,726.36
J. N. Sweitzer	480.00
Rent	40.00
Board.....	10.00
Borrowed at Bank of Ankeny	2,600.00
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Total	\$8,507.18

Disbursements

Superintendent and extra help	\$1,742.30
Groceries, meat and flour	662.65
Coal, etc.	995.93
Electric light and supplies	194.59
Doctor services and medicine	85.32
Harness	60.00
Gasoline and kerosene	70.93
Trustees' expenses	38.12
Feed bought	34.10
Threshing	10.80
Insurance	48.83
Taxes	273.72
Cutting oats two years	33.00
Furnace repairs	26.39
Auto repairs	64.07
Ice	23.00
Notes paid	3,300.00
Interest	300.61

Miscellaneous expenses	16.64
Total expenses	\$8,225.09
Cash on hand July 17, 1923	282.09
	\$8,507.18

Bills Payable

Bank of Ankeny	\$1,600.00
Southern District	1,200.00
C. H. Erb	1,000.00
Rose Bell	400.00
Swan Anderson	200.00

Inventory July 1, 1923

Horses 3, cows 8, heifers 3, calves 7, male 1, sows 6, pigs 42, hens 60, chicks 259, acres, oats, 8, acres, corn, 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre potatoes, 250 bushels old corn.

Number in the Home	10
Received during year	1
Left the Home	1
Unable to come to table	3

Health fairly good; no deaths.

For the year 1923-1924 \$4,450 is asked.

Northern District	\$1,800.00
Middle District	1,700.00
Southern District	950.00

R. W. Bentall, Secretary.

MINISTERIAL REPORT**Churches with Their Ministers**

Council Bluffs: W. W. Gibson.

English River: H. C. N. Coffman, J. D. Brower, W. D. Grove, Jasper Smith.

Fairview: Orlando Ogden, Anthony Senger, M. A. Whisler.

Franklin: A. L. Sears, F. A. Garber.

Libertyville: W. N. Glotfelty, J. H. Price.

Monroe County: D. H. Fouts, E. S. Fouts.

Mt. Etna: Harry K. Rogers, D. G. Couser.

North English: D. P. Miller, W. H. Long, A. W. Miller, Lawrence Miller.

Salem: H. F. Caskey.

South Keokuk: H. N. Butler, Frank Shelly, Morris Lough.

Ottumwa: Wm. E. Thompson, Minor Hoover.

Osceola: Chas. Colyn.

There was one death during the year—Eld. A. Wolf. Those moving out of the District during the year were Leander Smith, Glenn Carr and W. L. Osgood. Those coming into the District

were W. W. Gibson, J. H. Price, E. S. Fouts and D. G. Couser.

The survey of the District reveals the following facts and conditions: First, that the ministry of the District is doing good work under the conditions, and we feel to commend them.

Second, that the pastoral care of the churches is not as fully looked after as might be for the welfare of the churches.

Third, that we have a number of young members who are available for the work of the ministry and other lines of church activity. That a number of ministers and elders are available for evangelistic work and other church activities, therefore we urge a closer coöperation between the churches and their ministers, and that every encouragement be given to the present ministry, and also to the future ministry and other lines of church activities.

Committee,

J. D. Brower,

W. N. Glotfelty,

Orlando Ogden.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

Schools in District	13
Schools in session all year	13
Schools having teachers' meetings	4
Total offerings for year	\$1,400.79
Given Sunday School Board	23.73
Given Religious Education Board	42.60
Given mission work	711.58
Officers and teachers	147
Number in Home Department	36
Number in Cradle Roll	144
Number in main schools	1,044
Average attendance	567
Number of organized classes	21
Number of conversions	56
Number of vacation Bible schools	1

C. H. Gnagy gave 18 lectures in 9 different schools.

A. W. Miller,
Sunday School Secretary.

REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Receipts

Balance	\$ 17.41
Osceola, 1922 dues	3.72
Libertyville	28.75
South Keokuk	15.50
English River	40.00

Ottumwa	21.75
Fairview	16.25
North English	18.50
Osceola	7.75
Salem	12.50
Crooked Creek	1.25
Council Bluffs	16.00
Franklin	7.50
Mt. Etna	10.50
Total receipts	\$ 217.38

Expenditures

District programs for 1922	\$ 11.00
Annual Meeting Minutes	10.05
District Meeting Minutes	29.23
E. J. Stauffer, Annual Meeting treasurer	32.52
Wm. E. Thompson, Annual Meeting delegate	91.65
District Meeting programs, 1923	10.50
Total expenses	\$ 184.95
Balance on hand	32.43

S. E. Brower, District Treasurer.

MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE

Financial Report

It is impossible at this time to give a full financial report, as the books for the year just ending have not been closed. It will be recalled by all that Mount Morris College faced a very serious situation a few months ago, when it was apparent that there would be a deficit estimated to be something in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

A movement was then started by the Students' Association, which resulted in the securing of pledges to be paid by July first, amounting to about \$10,000.

To date we have received from this source \$7,180.83. It will thus be seen that the year's accounts will close with a deficit of considerable size.

The explanation for the deficit, in brief, is as follows: Previous to this year we have received from the Forward Movement from \$16,000 to \$18,000 per year to apply on current expenses. This year, through the solicitation of our financial agent, we received a little more than \$6,000. The difference explains the deficit.

July 5, 1923.

L. S. Shively, Treasurer.

Since it is apparent from the above statement of the business of Mount Morris College, for the year 1922-1923, that it is not

possible to operate the institution without a deficit, we hereby request the Districts owning and operating the college at Mount Morris to provide a fund with which to meet the probable deficit for the year 1923-1924.

Mount Morris College.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The committee reports that little was done during the year, due to lack of funds, interest and finance.

REPORT OF LECTURE BUREAU

No special work was done during the year under the direction of the committee.

CHILD RESCUE WORK

No special work has been done towards securing homeless children, yet the committee will assist homeless children or others needing help if the attention of the committee is called to the needs.

REPORT ON HISTORY OF SOUTHERN IOWA

The committee reports that the manuscripts are prepared and sent to the Brethren Publishing House, but since the price of the job is somewhat higher than what was at first anticipated, the committee is again asking the Conference what to do about the matter.

A motion was passed that the historical committee should have 500 books printed, and borrow the money to pay for them; that the churches sell all the books possible between now and next District Meeting, and the deficit at that time shall be prorated among the churches of the District.

Those desiring other information should address A. H. Brower, South English, Iowa.

ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERS

Report of committee to devise some plan by which to be able to distinguish between active and inactive members:

To the District Conference of the Church of the Brethren, Assembled at the Salem Church, Southern Iowa, 1923—Greeting:

We, your committee appointed to “devise some plan by which we may be able to distinguish between active and inactive members,” respectfully submit the following report:

The Church of the Brethren has always declared that the New Testament is the rule of faith and government, and that the Christ life is the example for each of his followers.

Therefore when we come into his church we expect to live a life of **sacrifice** and **service**.

There are members in the church that are inactive, and may well be compared to the sheep that went astray, as recorded in Matt. 18: 10-14.

It is the duty of the church not to seek a classification, but to try **earnestly** with much **prayer** (Matt. 18: 18, 19) and **patience** (Matt. 18: 21-35) to get inactive members restored to full fellowship and service. See John 15: 8-10, 1 John 2: 5-6.

A. H. Brower,
W. N. Glotfelty,
H. F. Caskey,
Committee.

DISTRICT MEETING PROGRAM

Report of committee appointed to investigate the matter of rearranging the program for our District Meeting:

To the District Meeting of Southern Iowa, 1923:

We, your committee, beg to submit the following report:

After a careful consideration of this question we do not see the advisability of making the change in the program as called for in quries of 1922, but present a program as follows:

First Day

9:00 a. m.	Ministers' Conference in Charge of Ministerial Board
1:30 p. m.	Elders' Meeting
2:00 p. m.	Aid Society Meeting
4:00 p. m.	Young People's Meeting
7:00 p. m.	Child Rescue Meeting
8:00 p. m.	Educational Meeting

Address by Mt. Morris College Representative

Second Day

8:00 a. m.	Sunday School Meeting
1:30 p. m.	Ministerial Meeting
7:00 p. m.	Christian Workers' Meeting
8:00 p. m.	Missionary Meeting

Third Day

8:00 a. m.	Business Session H. F. Caskey, O. Ogden, J. D. Brower, Committee.
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ELECTION OF BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Delegate to Annual Meeting: Harry K. Rogers; alternate, J. D. Brower.
Apportionments: Mankin Wray, A. L. Sears, W. A. Ogden.
Resolutions: Sarah Grove, Myrtle Petticord, Ruth Butler.
Mission Board: W. D. Grove, 1926; A. L. Sears, 1925; A. H. Brower, 1924.
District Treasurer: Sam Brower, 1924.
Sunday School Secretary: A. W. Miller, 1926.
Old Folks' Home: F. H. Heilman, 1925; A. H. Brower, 1924.
Secretary Ladies' Aid Society: Sadie Whisler, 1924.
Trustee Mount Morris College: W. N. Glotfelty, 1928; W. D. Grove, 1927.
Ministerial Board: Orlando Ogden, 1926; J. D. Brower, 1925;
W. N. Glotfelty, 1924.
Child Rescue Committee: H. C. N. Coffman, 1926; J. D. Brower,
1925; H. N. Butler, 1924.
Temperance Committee: Wm. E. Thompson, 1926; Sadie Whis-
ler, 1925; H. F. Caskey, 1924.
Lecture Bureau: Harry K. Rogers, 1926; W. N. Glotfelty, 1925;
Jasper Smith, 1924.
District Missionary Secretary: Elsie West, 1924.
District Clerk: Wm. E. Thompson, 1925.

MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE

After discussing the needs of Mount Morris College the fol-
lowing was decided by the Conference:

In order to save the school property of Mt. Morris, valued
at from \$250,000 to \$300,000, for the use of the church, and in
order to prevent the school closing in the middle of the school
year, and in order to give the General Educational Commission,
appointed at Calgary, time to study the school situation and
recommend the best course to pursue with regard to Mount Mor-
ris College, and in order that sufficient time be given to determine
whether an endowment may be secured for Mount Morris College
from the Rockefeller Foundation,

We recommend to the board of trustees of Mount Morris Col-
lege to continue to operate the college during the year.

In order to make it possible for the board of trustees of Mount
Morris College to operate the college according to our recom-
mendation, we further recommend that the Southern District of
Iowa place at their disposal \$1,600, to be used to help defray the
operating expenses of the college during the year 1923-24.

The above recommendation is made only upon the following
conditions:

1. That four other of the State Districts recommend a pro-
portionate amount.
2. That the advisability of continuing the school be submitted

as soon as possible to the Educational Commission for recommendation.

3. That the financial agent of the college make reasonable effort to raise the amount we have recommended by subscription.

4. That the part not raised by the financial agent be loaned to the board of trustees of the college, and that the trustees of the college from this District be authorized to borrow the money and negotiate the loan.

5. That the board of trustees of the college provide a plan by which the present debt of the college be not increased after June 1, 1924, until the above loan made by the District is fully paid.

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Franklin	30	2	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.50
Libertyville	115	2	0	8	2	10	1	12	3	0	0	0	2	13	0	0	28.75
Monroe County ..	60	2	0	8	1	4	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	15.00
Mt. Etna	60	2	0	5	1	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14.50
North English ..	67	3	1	3	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	18.75
Osceola	39	1	0	6	1	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	7.75
Salem	65	1	0	6	1	7	1	14	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	12.00
South Keokuk ..	72	2	1	6	1	8	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	15.00
Ottumwa	91	1	1	3	1	12	1	6	9	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	15.00

THE MINISTERIAL MEETING

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer, after which the following organization was effected:

Moderator: Harry K. Rogers; reading clerk, Clarence Brower; writing clerk, Sadie Whisler.

Do the Times Demand Our Ministers to Give Their Whole Time to the Ministry?—J. D. Brower.

More time is required than ever before, if the minister is to be the leader he should be, and arrange his sermons in a logical way, so as to appeal to the thinking class. Pastoral work is the thing needed today as much as good sermons.

The Pastor's Relation to Social Affairs.—Rev. Shaw.

He is related to social affairs in a threefold sense: 1. Live near your people: always attend their social affairs. 2. Special attention to the young people, for they are the hope of the church. 3. Living a consecrated life, that he may have influence over the entire church.

What Constitutes a Church Thoroughly Organized for Aggressive Work?—Wm. E. Thompson.

The church should be the best organized institution in the world, but the need of the church is not for greater organization, but to work what they have. Many of the largest business organizations of today owe their success to the fact that they have applied the Golden Rule to their business principles.

Is the Responsibility of the Minister's Wife Greater Than That of Other Sisters?—Lillie Thompson.

The minister's wife is looked to as a leader in many social affairs, and in giving spiritual advice. Besides, she is expected to keep her house, and care for her family fully as well as others.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL MEETING

The Sunday School Meeting was held Aug. 23 in the forenoon, with the following officers: L. A. Walker, moderator; Ruth Butler, reading clerk, and W. A. Ogden, writing clerk.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

A conference for young people was conducted by Prof. M. W. Emmert on the church lawn, Aug. 23, in the afternoon.

RESOLUTIONS

That we express our sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father, for his goodness and watchful care over us, for the privilege of meeting again in District Conference, for the beautiful weather, and for the many spiritual blessings enjoyed.

That we wish to express our sincere thanks to the members of the Salem church, for their kindness in caring for us.

That we express our thanks to the friends and neighbors who have assisted in the meeting, and shown so much kindness in caring for us.

That we express our thanks to those of like precious faith, from outside the District, for their presence and inspiration.

Ruth Butler,
Sarah Grove,
Myrtle Petticord.

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